

Schedule for 2010 U.S. Open

Workshops & Committee Meetings

TIME	9AM	10AM	11AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM
Wednesday August 4	Fischer Random	College Chess		LUNCH	Women's Chess	States	TDCC	TDCC/ Problem Solving
	Denker	Chess Journalists	Publications		Outreach		Scholastic Committee	
	FIDE Trainers Seminar				FIDE Trainers Seminar			
Thursday August 5	Executive Board (closed)	Executive Board (open)		LUNCH	Chess in Education			
					Rules Workshop	Governance Task Force		
					Chess Trust	U.S. Open	Ratings	
	FIDE Trainers Seminar				FIDE Trainers Seminar		International Affairs	
Friday August 6	USCF Legal	Bylaws		LUNCH	Finance / LMA	Clubs	Staff Forum/ General Membership Meeting	
			Senior Chess					
Saturday August 7	Delegates Meeting			AWARDS LUNCHEON		Delegates Meeting		
Sunday August 8	Delegates Meeting							
Executive Board Meeting SUNDAY 6PM								
Denker Tournament of High School Champions Opening Ceremony SATURDAY, JULY 31, 4 PM, GARDEN PAVILION								
President's Reception FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 8PM, GARDEN PAVILION								
Hall of Fame Induction and USCF Awards Luncheon SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 12:00PM, GARDEN PAVILION								

Schedule subject to change - check www.uschess.org for updates



2010 Delegates' Call

Delegates' Workshops & Meetings

AUGUST 4-8, 2010 | HYATT REGENCY IRVINE | IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

2010 Jerry Hanken Memorial U. S. Open Schedule

JULY 31 - AUGUST 8

	SATURDAY, JULY 31	SUNDAY, AUGUST 1	MONDAY, AUGUST 2	TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
11:00 AM				Denker/College Champions, ROUND 6
12:30 PM		Denker/ College Champions, ROUND 2	Denker/College Champions, ROUND 4	
4:00 PM	Denker Opening Ceremony			Denker/College Champions Award Ceremony
7:30 PM	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, ROUND 1 Denker/College Champions, ROUND 1	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, ROUND 2 Denker/College Champions, ROUND 3	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, ROUND 3 Denker/College Champions, ROUND 5	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, ROUND 1 U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, ROUND 4

	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4	THURSDAY, AUGUST 5	FRIDAY, AUGUST 6
EARLY AM			U.S. Open Golf Tournament
9:00 AM	WORKSHOP: Denker Committee FIDE Trainer's Seminar Fischer Random Lecture	FIDE Trainer's Seminar Executive Board Meeting (closed)	WORKSHOP: USCF Legal Issues
10:00 AM	WORKSHOPS: College Chess/ Chess Journalists/Publications	Executive Board Meeting (open)	WORKSHOP: Bylaws Committee U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, ROUND 4
12 NOON	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, ROUND 2	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, ROUND 4	
12:30 PM			U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, ROUND 6
1:00 PM	WORKSHOPS: Outreach, Women's Chess	WORKSHOPS: Chess Trust, Rules Workshop	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, ROUND 5 WORKSHOP: Finance/LMA Committee
2:00 PM	WORKSHOP: States	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, ROUND 1	
3:00 PM	WORKSHOPS: TDCC, Scholastic Committee	WORKSHOPS: U.S. Open, Governance Task Force, Chess in Education	WORKSHOP: Clubs Committee
3:30 PM			U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, ROUND 6
4:00 PM	WORKSHOPS: TDCC/Problem Solving	WORKSHOPS: Ratings Committee, International Affairs	Staff Forum & Membership Meeting
5:00 PM		U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, ROUND 2	
7:30 PM	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, ROUND 3 U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, ROUND 5	U.S. Open, Traditional Schedule, ROUND 6 U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, ROUND 5	U.S. Open, ROUND 7 All three Schedules merged.
8:00 PM		U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, ROUND 3	President's Reception

	SATURDAY, AUGUST 7	SUNDAY, AUGUST 8	MONDAY, AUGUST 9
9:00 AM	Delegates' Meeting	Delegates' Meeting	Executive Board Meeting
12 NOON	USCF Awards Luncheon & Hall of Fame Induction		
2:00 PM	Delegates' Meeting resumes		
3:00 PM		U.S. Open, ROUND 9 Executive Board Meeting (open)	
6:00 PM		Executive Board Meeting (closed)	
7:30 PM	U.S. Open, ROUND 8		

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August 7-8 | Hyatt Regency Irvine | Irvine, California

Mission Statement

USCF is a not for profit membership organization devoted to extending the role of chess in American society. USCF promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an art and enjoyment, but also as a means for the improvement of society. It informs, educates, and fosters the development of players (professional and amateur) and potential players. It encourages the development of a network of institutions devoted to enhancing the growth of chess, from local clubs to state and regional associations, and it promotes chess in American society. To these ends, USCF offers a monthly magazine, as well as targeted publications to its members and others. It supervises the organization of the U.S. Chess Championship, an open tournament held every summer, and other national events. It offers a wide range of books and services to its members and others at prices consistent with the benefits of its members. USCF serves as the governing body for chess in the United States and as a participant in international chess organizations and projects. It is structured to ensure effective democratic procedures in accord with its bylaws and laws of the state of Illinois.

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President's Report

Jim Berry, USCF President

Sudden Victory

Yes, sudden victory, not sudden defeat!

ONE YEAR AGO it was not clear which way the USCF was headed. Times looked dire. With a bleak economy and being sued for \$10,000,000, things looked gloomy indeed. We have snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. The lawsuit is over and both the USCF management and the USCF Executive Board have put in place saving measures that map out a plan which will in 1½ years from now result in a debt-free federation.

The budget which began June 1, 2010 allows for the USCF to meet our commitment (along with the support of the Kasparov Chess Foundation) to send our teams of top players (both men and women) to Siberia (round-trip tickets) in October, 2010, to compete in the Chess Olympiad.

The 2010 U.S. Championship in St. Louis was the best ever. Congratulations to GM Gata Kamsky, the new U.S. champion, and for his performance in February, 2010 in Bulgaria against Topalov during the semis for the world championship. Here is where a big "thank you" goes to the St. Louis Chess Club for sponsoring the U.S. Championships in 2009, 2010, and yes (!) 2011.

1200 and 1300 rating floors have been implemented which protect veteran players from complete rating collapse as they mature. These new floors will encourage older players to continue their tournament careers.

The new implementation of lifetime USCF titles is here. They reflect norms achieved in tournaments since 1991. They do not affect original life master titles or the life master title achieved after 300 games as a master. These new USCF titles reflect norms earned (I am a candidate master—thank you).

In April, 2010, Nashville hosted over 5,000 scholastic chess players with our "Super-Nationals." This was one of the largest chess tournaments ever in the world.



Jim Berry with his grandchildren

Your USCF plans a more active role in FIDE by having our delegation join more FIDE committees to work on time control, title and zonal issues. Thanks to Don Schultz (FL) for his many years of service as the USCF delegate to FIDE and to his successor Michael Khodarkovsky (NJ). Thanks also to our FIDE Zonal President, Beatriz Marinello (NY) for her continued devotion to the USCF's success.

Fellow delegates, we all ask, "Where is the sponsorship of U.S. chess?" It will be achieved if we all vote at this delegate's meeting for the passage of IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). This will permit donations to the USCF to be tax deductible. VOTE—YES!

Gold membership status encourages players to renew their membership without any time gaps and thus they qualify for extra class prizes at top events.

Benefactor members are those who choose a \$3,000 life membership option. So far they are: Jeffrey Davidson (CA), Bill Goichberg (NY), David Kochman (NH), Charles Unruh (OK), and Edward Wycoff (CA).

In January, our USA men's team placed second (seeded fifth) in Siberia at the 2010 World Team Championship. Their silver medals deserve a salute. Thank you to St. Louis Chess Club for their sponsorship.

Exposing 170 delegates to possible litigation is unfair. A group that large makes good governance unwieldy and impractical. We need to see how best for us as an Illinois non-profit to get to be a smaller and more efficient governing body.

Chess has been around in the USA long before you and I arrived on the scene and chess will be popular long after we are gone. It is our duty to help it grow and remain an affordable (?) hobby that everyone can enjoy. I always look forward to attending tournaments so that I can greet old friends and make new friends.

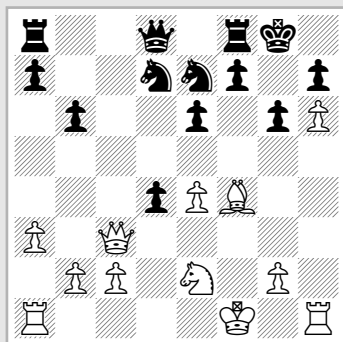
I only wish my feeble brain was still fertile enough to produce more wins like the two I leave you to enjoy. These are actual games and not made up.

Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation (B12)*Michael Langer (2288)**Jim Berry (1965)**Tulsa FIDE Open (2), 10.23.2004**Notes by Langer*

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. f3 e6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Qd3 b6 6. Bf4 Ba6 7. Qe3 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 Ne7 9. Nge2 0-0 10. h4 Nd7 11. h5 dxe4 12. fxe4 c5 13. h6 g6 14. a3?

Doesn't work tactically.

14. ... Bxc3 15. Qxc3 cxd4



After 15. ... cxd4

16. Qxd4??

White had to leave the pawn be on d4 and play on a pawn down. (16. Nxd4 e5 17. Nf3 Rc8).

16. ... e5! 17. Qd6

17. Bxe5 Nc6 18. Bf6 (18. Bc7 Nxd4 19. Bxd8 Nxe2 20. Bh4 Nf4) 18. ... Nxf6.

17. ... exf4 18. Rh3

White has some play for a piece, but not enough. 18. Rd1?? Nc5! 19. Qf6 (19. Qe5 Qxd1+ 20. Kf2 f6 21. Qxe7 Qd7) 19. ... Qxd1+ 20. Kf2 Nxe4+ 21. Kf3 Qxe2+ 22. Kxe2 Nxf6; 18. b4! Nc8 19. Qxf4 Qe7.

18. ... Nc5 19. Qf6 Ne6

No need to give the piece back with 19. ... Nf5.

20. Rd3 Qc7 21. Nd4 Nc6! 22. Nxe6 fxe6 23. Qxe6+ Rf7 24. Rc3

This was White's idea, but Black finds the only move (24. ... Nd4) that wins.

24. ... Nd4!

Not 24. ... Rc8 because 25. Rd1 with the idea of Rd6.

25. Qd5 Qd8! 26. Qe5

Black is better after 26. Qxd8+ Rxd8 27. Rd1 Ne6 28. Rxd8+ Nxd8 29. Rc8 Rd7.

26. ... f3

Wins by force. 26. ... Qf6 would be a safer way to win; 26. ... Nxc2! 27. Rxc2 Qd3+ 28. Re2 f3 29. gxf3 Qxf3+ 30. Kg1 (30. Ke1 Rd8) 30. ... Qxe2.

27. Rd1 Qh4 28. Qxd4 Qh1+ 29. Qg1 fvg2+ 30. Ke2 Qh5+ 31. Kd2 Qxh6+ 32. Ke2 Qh5+ 33. Kd2 Qg5+ 34. Ke2 Qg4+ 35. Kd2 Qf4+ 36. Ke2 Qxe4+ 37. Qe3 Qg4+ 38. Kd2 Rf1, White resigned.

Very good game by Jim. White never had a chance after move 16.

Queen pawn opening (D00)*Jim Berry (1942)**Richard Kasa (2260)**The 6th Annual First National Bank Open (3), 05.23.1992**Notes by Gufeld*

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. g4 Bg6 5. Bg2 c6 6. Nxe4 Bxe4?

The bishop is stronger than the knight; normal is 6. ... Nd7.

7. Bxe4

White has two bishops but a weak g-pawn.

7. ... Nf6 8. Bg2 Qd7?

8. ... e6 is better.

9. g5 Nd5 10. c4 Nb6 11. c5?

This gives the d5-square back to the knight; should have played 11. b3.

11. ... Nd5 12. Bh3?

I must play 12. Nf3.

12. ... e6 13. Nf3 Qc7 14. Ne5??

I blundered a pawn. White should castle now.

14. ... Bxc5! 15. f4 Bb4+ 16. Bd2 Qa5 17. Nc4 Bxd2+ 18. Kf2?

White must swap out and go to a losing endgame.

18. ... Qb4 19. Rf1 Nd7??

Better was 19. ... Qxc4 20. Qxd2 or 19. ... Bxf4.

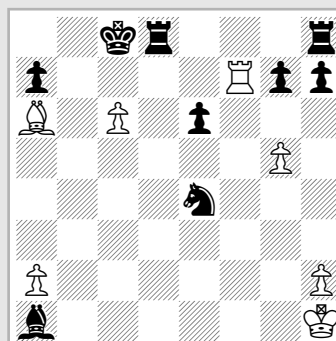
20. Kg1 Bxf4 21. Qe2 0-0-0

For moves 18 thru 21 for Black any moves are winning.)

22. Rf3 b5? 23. b3 bxc4 24. bxc4 Be3+ 25. Kh1 Bxd4 26. cxd5 Bxa1 27. dxc6 Nc5 28. Rxf7 Qb1+ 29. Bf1 Qe4+??

29. ... Rhf8 and a million other moves win outright; other possibilities are ... Rdf8, ... Rd1, ... h6, ... a6.

30. Qxe4 Nxe4 31. Ba6+



After 31. Ba6

31. ... Kb8 32. c7+ Ka8 33. Bb7+

A brilliant final combination!

33. ... Kxb7 34. cxd8=Q+ Ka6 35. Qxh8, Black resigned.

Best is 35. Qd3+.

Executive Director's Report

Bill Hall, USCF Executive Director

2010 will be known as the year the USCF put many past struggles behind it, and began moving forward to a much healthier future. The struggles of the past couple of years have prepared us to come together as a family of individuals with the common thread of our love for this great game. The USCF turned 70 last December, and despite some recent trouble, is more viable than ever.

The 2010 U.S. Championship was once again sponsored on a grand scale by The Saint Louis Chess Club and Scholastic Center. This was a spectacular venue with first-class organization and exciting chess. I would personally like to thank Mr. Rex Sinquefeld and Mr. Tony Rich for making this happen and for the commitment to continuing the sponsorship into 2011. The Saint Louis Chess Club and Scholastic Center is also sponsoring the upcoming (as of my writing this report) 2010 U.S. Women's Championship. Gata Kamsky returned to top form this year claiming the Championship of our nation once again, and Anna Zatonskih won the 2009 version of the U.S. Women's Championship (also sponsored by St. Louis) in fine style.

2010 is an Olympiad year, and the U.S. teams look to repeat fine performances from the previous Olympiad. In 2008, both the U.S. Olympiad team and the U.S. Women's Olympiad team secured the bronze medals with exciting finishes. The U.S. team followed this with a silver medal performance at the 2009 World team competition, thanks to the leadership of Captain John Donaldson, the brilliant skill of the players, and the generous sponsorship from St. Louis. This year's teams are once again sponsored by the Kasparov Chess Foundation. I offer a special thanks to KCF president Michael Khordarkovsky for helping to make this happen, and for helping to insure our ability to send our team to the 2009 Women's World Team.

In 2010, we have introduced new sponsors for the Grand Prix and the Junior Grand Prix. For the 2010 Grand Prix the sponsor is ChessLecture.com, and for the 2010 Junior Grand Prix the sponsor is Chess Magnet School. The Grand Prix is a long-time standard of the USCF and we very much appreciate the sponsorship provided by ChessLecture.com. The Junior Grand Prix is a contest in its third year designed to promote young people playing in stronger and slower events. The prize fund includes \$1,000 for expenses to play in the following year's U.S. Open. We appreciate Chess Magnet School for stepping up to ensure the continued success of this program.

This year at the U.S. Open the third annual World Chess Live College Tournament of Champions will take place with no entry fee, if playing in the U.S. Open, with a \$5,000 prize fund, and is fully sponsored by World Chess Live. I would like to thank World Chess Live for this sponsorship.

At this year's U.S. Open, we are conducting the inaugural U.S. Girls Junior Open with scholarships and awards provided by Trophies Plus. Also, you will find a new side event, the U.S. Open Fischer Random Championship, scheduled for Tuesday before the committee meetings begin. Once again, Dewain Barber has done a fantastic job in organizing the latest installment of the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Special appreciation goes to Mitchell Denker for his continued support and to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) for offering a full, four-year scholarship to the winner.

There are many more exciting projects that we have in the works and so many more to thank, but in the interest of brevity I must move on to other topics.

The topic that dominated our organization for nearly two years is finally over. During this past fiscal year most of the lawsuits were settled. The only suit remaining is the USCF's civil action against Gregory Alexander, which is currently stayed pending the outcome of the criminal case in San Francisco. All remaining suits related to the Polgar matter were resolved in a settlement where the USCF received \$131,000 and Polgar's attorneys received \$31,000, both from the USCF insurance carrier. Polgar and Truong also agreed to not dispute their removal from the Executive Board or their membership status, and agreed never to seek a leadership role in the USCF again. This closed the book on a dark chapter in USCF history. Now we must turn our attention away from the bunkered survival mode that we were in for so long and become proactive and creative in addressing current and future problems. We must come together and focus on making our organization the best it can be.

The other major dispute that we had last year was related to the USCF Sales vendor at the time, Chess Café. Per the contract, the dispute was resolved through arbitration. While arbitration kept legal expenses in check, I personally feel it led to a seriously flawed result, and I take responsibility for not doing a better job of making sure that our complicated case was well understood. This resulted in a walk-away, "split-the-baby" type ruling where the Chess Café affirmative claims were dismissed, and we had to write off about \$88,000 in bad debt. Now we have a new vendor in place and sales in the first year have surpassed the previous vendor's sales, even in a bad economy. We have scheduled a USCF legal issue meeting during the committee meetings where I will be available to answer questions related to these or any other legal matters.

In writing this I am working with preliminary financials, as the audit is currently underway. The final result appears to be a \$20,000 to \$30,000 loss for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Obviously any loss is not a good result, however under the circumstances of the legal expenditures, additional costs related to finalizing the profit-sharing plan, and the significant write-off due to the USCF sales ruling, it is a final result that we can live with. Had we not had these extraordinary expenses, the Federation would have seen a significant surplus. Based on these results and our conservative budget, I feel confident that we can see a healthy surplus next year as long as we avoid these types of expenses. Largely, we have navigated these difficult financial issues with deep and painful cuts. We are at the point where such cuts do impact services, and additional cuts will only further significantly impact services. Under current projections, the Federation should be fully recovered in two to two-and-a-half years.

In 2008, the Delegate's passed a restructuring of membership dues that included options for a lower-priced membership that receives our publications online. This was implemented in December 2008 through January 2009 and we now have a full fiscal year to see the result. Membership revenue is down about \$12,000 from the previous fiscal year and advertising revenue is down about \$16,000. On the advertising, part of the drop is attributable to reduced circula-

tion and part is due to the fact that our staff member responsible for advertising retired and was not replaced. However, Tournament Life Announcement (TLA) ads are up \$10,000, a 22% increase. On the plus side, total magazine expenses are down around \$140,000. About \$40,000 of these savings are due to life members that have chosen non premium services. This results in a net improvement to the USCF bottom line of roughly \$75,000 to \$80,000 annually due to those changes.

There is a significant cost associated with delaying some of the needed improvements to infrastructure, eroding employee benefits, and delaying growth in Internet based services. The current status of the technological infrastructure requires immediate attention. We have budgeted for purchasing a server, replacing our telephone system, and upgrading some of the office computers. This will hopefully be enough to get us through the year without significant problems.

Employee benefits have taken a serious hit over the last few years. The USCF no longer has any retirement plan in place to offer employees and the employee share of the insurance cost has increased significantly over the last few years. We did get good news that the premium was slightly reduced for this year, but this is still an area that we will have to find creative ways to address. Similarly, we are looking at several creative approaches to grow Internet based services and improve our website.

As of my writing this report, the USCF profit sharing plan has had all but three participants receive their disbursements. About \$7,000 remains in the plan, and we recently were able to make contact with the final three participants. We also have received the blessings from the Department of Labor that our calculations are correct. Hopefully, by the time of the Delegate's meeting, another chapter of USCF history will be closed.

Last year the Delegates changed how Delegates are selected. Starting this fall, Delegate's are appointed by the State Affiliates. Therefore, this meeting will be the final official act for all current Delegates, and anyone unable to attend should submit their resignation to the USCF headquarters (cbruce@uschess.org) as soon as possible so that we can make sure we can achieve a quorum. There are many key governance issues to be debated and decided, so I strongly encourage all Delegates to attend, as this will be a very important meeting for the direction of the future of the Federation.

Looking to the future, we have many good programs in the works and some exciting things planned for the future. I may be able to go into this more by the time of the meeting. Our biggest challenge is to address the continued slide of our adult membership base that has been going on for the most part since the mid 1990s. This is part of what I plan to focus on in my live report in California.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting in August.

VP of Finance Report

By Randy Bauer

The USCF continues to face significant financial challenges, as membership levels continue to erode in key categories. At the same time, the organization has put behind it significant extraordinary legal expenses, and that alone provides some hope for the future.

On the plus side, the USCF continues to be able to accurately forecast key revenue categories. This has been a primary area of focus during my term as Vice President of Finance. During the recently concluded fiscal year, actual revenue collections were within \$6,000 of the estimate on an overall base of \$1.6 million—a very good performance based on any standard revenue estimating benchmark.

The USCF has also done a reasonable job of controlling expenses—the Executive Director and the office have been able to reduce expenditures, although these have largely been accomplished through furloughs and other staff cost reductions that can probably not be maintained in the long run.

Even with some extraordinary bad debt write-offs (totaling over \$113,000), the USCF is projected to end the prior fiscal year with a small surplus of approximately \$12,000. It should be noted that this budget included a bequest of approximately \$56,000—without this, the USCF would have been facing yet another budget deficit.

Going forward, the Executive Board recognizes the need to further stabilize finances. I believe that the budget we have recommended maintains the conservative and realistic revenue estimates from recent years. At the same time, we are building into the budget strategies that will grow revenues and reduce expenses. We believe many of the current Board and Office initiatives provide an opportunity for the USCF to grow, rather than reduce, its level of service in the future.

Without a doubt, the USCF faces significant financial challenges. That said, we appear to be moving beyond the extraordinary expenditures associated with now-settled lawsuits. That alone is a reason to be more optimistic for the future. At the same time, the USCF needs to grow its top-line revenues if it is going to have a reasonable opportunity to expand its level of service and better further its mission. That is the challenge for all of us.

VOLUNTEER EXPENSE REPORT

Paid during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2010

NAME	CAPACITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
RANDALL HOUGH	EXECUTIVE BOARD	432.40

LEGAL EXPENDITURES 2009-2010

Polgar Related Suits (NY, IL, TX, CA)

OTHER	8,899.36
RIDER, WEINER & FRANKEL, P.C.	125.00
GIFFIN, WINNING, COHEN & BODEWES, P.C	81,125.50
LAFONT, TUNNELL, FORMBY, LAFONT, HAMILTON, L.L.P.	700.00
HIRSCH & WESTHEIMER, P.C.	192,779.67
KRONENBERGER BURGOWNE, LLP	64,788.99
TOTAL POLGAR LEGAL FEES	348,418.52
ANSUR AMERICA INS GEN LIABILITY	-131,000.00
TOTAL AFTER INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	217,418.52

CHESS CAFÉ ISSUES

LAW OFFICES OF HARRY SABINE PC	10,515.66
JACOBS, GRUDBERG, BELT, DOW & KATZ P.C.	477.00
AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION	3,030.00
TOTAL CHESS CAFÉ LEGAL FEES	14,022.66
CHESS CAFÉ LAWSUIT	-1,275.00
	12,747.66

GOVERNANCE

RIDER, WEINER & FRANKEL, P.C.	150.00
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MISCELLANEOUS

RIDER, WEINER & FRANKEL, P.C.	1,673.20
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL FEES	1,673.20

GRAND TOTAL **\$232,421.78**

U.S. Chess Trust Report

By Chairman Harold J. Winston

The U.S. Chess Trust is a federally tax exempt 501(c)(3) Massachusetts Trust which supports chess nationwide. Your donations help American chess in many ways. The Trust is proud to be included in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). We welcome former USCF President Beatriz Marinello as a new trustee; she has worked hard for scholastic chess in many ways. We thank Dana Belcher for his past services on the trust.

Due to the generous support of Rex Sinquefeld, the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum is moving to St. Louis. On behalf of the Trust, I began negotiations last summer. The trustees approved the move in principle at our annual meeting last August. Then, with the help of Harold Dondis, Jim Eade, and Shane Samole, I conducted negotiations with two St. Louis attorneys which successfully finished in March. Work has begun on the new Museum building, close to the highly successful St. Louis Chess Center. My hope is the new museum will open this winter. The negotiations took longer than expected but all of us are confident the result will be a gain for chess. This continues a recent tradition of bringing important chess events, such as the U.S. Championship and the U.S. Women's Championship, to St. Louis. I also want to express my thanks to Shane Samole, his family, and Al Lawrence and others for the fine work they did in opening and running the museum in Miami from 2001 through 2009. Shane deserves the credit for suggesting St. Louis as the new site.

Thanks go to Booz, Allen, Hamilton for their donation of \$10,000 for the Collegiate Final Four event and to Virginia Chess Federation President Mike Hoffpauir and USCF College Chess Chairman Jim Stallings for obtaining that donation. The Trust is proud of the recent successes of U.S. players in the World Youth, as the Trust supported American players in that event.

Once again, in the Scholar Chessplayer Program, aided by the generous assistance of Scholastic VP Sunil Weeramantry and his National Scholastic Chess Foundation, the Trust awarded five \$1,500 college scholarships for a total of \$7,500, based on both academic and chess achievement. Our goal continues to be to obtain a corporate sponsor for this program so that even more substantial amounts can be awarded in scholarships. The Scholastic Council, who serve on our advisory board, are a key part of this award program. Sunil announced the 2010 winners at the National High School in Columbus, Ohio: Rohan Agarwal (CA), Richard Herbst (CO), Abby Marshall (VA), Jake Miller (NY) and Victor Shen (NJ).

Our own website, www.uschesstrust.org, has stayed current thanks to webmaster, Dora Leticia, and our web editor, Beatriz Marinello. Check it out. We have continued our online newsletter, which is e mailed to a select distribution list, and highlights the Trust's activities. I thank Beatriz and Dora for all their hard work and to Jim Eade, Chairman of the Trust Website Committee. Online donations to the Trust can be made at www.uschesstrust.org.

The Chess Trust supports school and junior chess nationwide, by donating chess sets and boards to schools, providing some free USCF memberships to needy students, and by backing American participants in recognized international junior and youth competitions. The Trust also contributes to the Collegiate "Final Four" and the College Tournament of Champions, as well as the U.S.

Blind Championship. With the generous assistance of the Denker family, now from trustee Mitchell Denker, the Trust supports the Arnold S. Denker Tournament of High School Champions. We continue to send chess sets to Americans serving in our armed forces abroad, with the help of Trust President Shane Samole and Excalibur Electronics, and to participate in the Sets for Vets program, working with the New Jersey State Chess Federation (NJSCF) and Herman Drenth.

All Trustees serve without compensation. Last summer I represented the Trust at the opening ceremony for the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in Indianapolis, IN, and participated in awarding the Denker prizes at the closing ceremony. I was honored to receive a Denker medallion from Denker Chairman Dewain Barber, recognizing the Trust's continued support for the tournament.

Congratulations to our new Samford Fellowship winner, Robert Hess and to Ray Robson of Largo, Florida for his second year in the program. The Trust is also pleased to continue to administer the Schein Friedman Scholarship Program, aimed at players ages 7-17.

The Trust continues to benefit from the counsel of our Chairman Emeritus, Harold Dondis of Massachusetts. Treasurer, Jim Eade of Northern California, Assistant Treasurer Leroy Dubeck of New Jersey and our Finance Committee have carefully monitored our investments in a troubled economic time. We also benefit from the expertise of Jim Oberweis' investment company.

Our Managing Director, Barbara DeMaro, an independent contractor, works on many important projects, including soliciting donations and matching grants, maintaining financial records, administering the Samford Fellowship fund, processing requests for chess sets and free memberships and coordinating with our supplier, Excalibur Electronics, and processing donations. Barbara has successfully worked on having our donors remembering to include the Trust in their wills. This is our legacy program and new donors should contact Barbara directly. Thanks to two new will donors this year: Dr. George Whatley and Stan Weglarski. Our past legacy donors included Deborah Doll and Arnold Denker.

I thank Treasurer Jim Eade (N. CA), Chairman Emeritus Harold Dondis (MA), President Shane Samole (FL), Secretary Myron Lieberman (AZ), and all the other trustees and officers: Chess in Education Vice President Tim Redman (TX), Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry (NY), Assistant Treasurer Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Steve Doyle (NJ), Mitchell Denker (FL), Mark Fins (MA), Joe Ippolito (NJ), and Beatriz Marinello (NY) for their help in the past year. The Trustees represent all sections of our nation.

Our annual meeting is open to the public. Everyone is welcome at the annual Trust meeting on Thursday afternoon August 5, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Irvine Hotel in Irvine, California. To contact the Trust, email our Managing Director Barbara DeMaro at bduscfa@aol.com or e mail me at HJWinston@aol.com. Donations should be made out to US Chess Trust and can be sent to U.S. Chess Trust, PO Box 838, Wallkill, NY 12589, Attention: Barbara DeMaro. I will also collect donations in person at the U.S. Open and at the Delegates meeting. To make sure your full donation goes to the Trust use a check.

USCF Executive Board (EB) Motions

Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010

NOTE: M = Meeting, C = Conference Call, E = E mail, I = Internet Conference, O = Objections Procedure

The following motions were voted at the Board meeting on August 09 10, 2009, in Indianapolis, IN:

(See table opposite page)

EB10-001 - Board

PASSED 5-0

The Board elects the following officers:

President – Jim Berry

Vice President – Ruth Haring

Vice President for Finance – Randy Bauer

(PLEASE NOTE: The position of Secretary is now an appointed position per Delegate action. Bill Hall has been appointed Secretary for purposes of officially signing documents. Appointments for other functions have yet to be determined.)

EB10-002 - Board

PASSED 5-0

(See table right)

The Board appoints the following committee liaisons and chairs:

(DEL=Delegate Appointed)

COMMITTEE	LIAISON (BOARD/OFFICE)	CHAIR
Audit (DEL)	Bauer/Nanna	To be selected by committee
Bylaws (DEL)	Goichberg	Harold Winston & Mike Nolan co chairs
Chess in Education	Atkins	John Buky & Dr. Joseph Eberhard co chairs
College	Atkins	James Stallings
Correspondence	Goichberg/DuBois	Harold Stenzel
Cramer Awards	Berry	Frank Brady
Denker Invitational	Atkins	Dewain Barber
Election (DEL)	Berry/Nolan	To be selected by committee
Ethics (DEL)	Berry/Misner	To be selected by committee
Finance	Bauer/Nanna	Charles Unruh
Forum Oversight	TBD	Allen Priest
Hall of Fame	Goichberg	Harold Winston
Hall of Records	Goichberg	Steve Immitt
International Affairs	Haring/Brown	Michael Khodarkovsky
LMA Management (DEL)	Bauer/Nanna	To be selected by committee
Military	Atkins	Andres Hortillosa
Outreach	Haring	Myron Lieberman
Polgar Tournament	TBD	TBD
Professional Players' Health & Benefits (PPHBF)	Bauer/Nanna	John McCrary
Publications	Haring/Lucas	Jon Hilton
Ratings	Goichberg	Mark Glickman
Rules	Atkins/Brown	David Kuhns
Scholastic Council/Comm	Atkins/Nash, Pat K. Smith	Mike Nietman & Stephen Shutt co chairs
Senior	Goichberg	Charles Hatherill
States	Bauer	Guy Hoffman
Survey	Haring/Nolan	Tony Pabon
Top Players	Haring	TBD
Tournament Director Certification (TDCC)	Atkins/Phil Smith	Tim Just
US Open	Goichberg/Pat K. Smith	Jerry Hanken
Women's Chess	Haring/Pat K. Smith	Polly Wright

MOTION #	SPONSOR	DATE/METHOD	SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
EB10-001	Board	08/09/09 M	Election of Officers Berry P, Haring, Bauer	PASS
EB10-002	Board	08/09/09 M	Committee Liaisons and Chairs	PASS
EB10-003	Atkins	08/13/09 E	Ratify Addition of Randy Hough to TDCC	PASS
EB10-004	Atkins	08/20/09 E	FIDE Delegate	PASS
EB10-005	Goichberg	08/20/09 E	Audit Firm	PASS
EB10-006	Atkins	08/30/09 E	College Chess Eligibility Rule Change	PASS
EB10-007	Goichberg	09/29/09 E	Add Ruth Haring to the EB Forums Subcomm	PASS
EB10-008	Atkins	09/29/09 E	Approve changes to Scholastic Regulations	PASS
EB10-009	Atkins	09/30/09 E	Rene Phillips a Level 5 Profsnl. Chess Coach	PASS
EB10-010	Berry	09/30/09 E	2009 2010 Scholastic Committee	PASS
EB10-011	Berry	10/12/09 E	Special Election filing requirements	PASS
EB10-012	Goichberg	10/22/09 E	USCF charges for rating FIDE events	PASS
EB10-013	Haring	10/31/09 M	Approval of Minutes of Aug 6 EB Mtg	PASS
EB10-014	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	Quick Rating Problems	PASS
EB10-015	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	Rating Change Problem	PASS
EB10-016	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	New Rating Floors	PASS
EB10-017	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	Victory Points	PASS
EB10-018	Atkins	10/31/09 M	Approve new TDCC Rules and Regulations	PASS
EB10-019	Atkins	10/31/09 M	Approve Scholastic Chess Coach Applications	PASS
EB10-020	Board	11/01/09 M	Chess Coach Certification Program	PASS
EB10-021	Haring	11/01/09 M	US Girls Junior Open	PASS
EB10-022	Goichberg	11/01/09 M	FIDE time controls	PASS
EB10-023	Haring	11/01/09 M	Technology/Internet Subcommittee	PASS
EB10-024	Goichberg	12/11/09 O	US Open Committee	PASS
EB10-025	Board	01/14/10 E	USCF Polgar/Truong Settlement	PASS
EB10-026	Goichberg	01/22/10 E	USCF Olympiad Regulations Age Bonus Pts	PASS
EB10-027	Goichberg	01/22/10 E	Add 2010 US Champ. to Men's Olympic Team	PASS
EB10-028	Berry	02/20/10 M	Accept minutes of last meeting	PASS
EB10-029	Goichberg	02/20/10 M	US Championship Invitational Requirements	PASS
EB10-030	Board	02/20/10 M	Congratulate USA Team for Silver Medal	PASS
EB10-031	Board	02/20/10 M	Appoint Online Play Subcommittee	PASS
EB10-032	Atkins	02/21/10 M	Add Matt Lodge to Denker Committee	PASS
EB10-033	Goichberg	02/21/10 M	Appoint Bob Rasmussen chair of Clubs Comm	PASS
EB10-034	Goichberg	02/21/10 M	Add John McCrary and Randy Hough to Awards Comm	PASS
EB10-035	Atkins	02/22/10 E	Miami Open Appeal	PASS
EB10-036	Goichberg	02/25/10 E	Governance Task Force	PASS
EB10-037	Atkins	04/08/10 E	Doug Taffinder named Military Chair	PASS
EB10-038	Board	04/08/10 E	US Supports Anatoly Karpov for FIDE President	PASS
EB10-039	Board	04/10/10 E	Endorse Richard Conn for FIDE Deputy President	PASS
EB10-040	Hall	05/06/10 M	Appoint Harry Sabine Chief Teller for Election	PASS
EB10-041	Berry	05/22/10 M	Approve February EB minutes	PASS
EB10-042	Board	05/22/10 M	Appoint a FIDE Subcommittee	PASS
EB10-043	Board	05/22/10 M	Engage Bible, Harris, and Smith for 2010 FY Audit	PASS
EB10-044	Board	05/22/10 M	Approve 2011 Budget	PASS
EB10-045	Board	05/23/10 M	Approve the list of award winners for 2010	PASS
EB10-046	Goichberg	05/23/10 M	Revise the Acceptable Use Guidelines (for Forum)	PASS
EB10-047	Hall	05/23/10 M	Extend Daniel Lucas' Contract three years	PASS
EB10-048	Hough	05/23/10 M	Extend Bill Hall's Contract one year	PASS
EB10-049	Board	05/23/10 M	Denial of Forcella Ethics Appeal	PASS
EB10-050	Goichberg	05/23/10 M	Refer State Affil. Duties revision to States Comm	PASS
EB10-051	Board	05/23/10 M	Thanks to Forum Oversight Committee	PASS
EB10-052	Atkins	06/16/10 E	National Chess day	PASS

The following motion was made by Mike Atkins by e mail on August 11. It passed on August 13.

EB10-003 - Atkins Randy Hough was added this past Sunday evening back to the TDCC. I move the board ratify this addition to the TDCC.

PASSED 5-0.

Michael Atkins made a motion regarding our FIDE representation that contained three points. One was the naming of Michael Khodarkovsky as FIDE Delegate, the second was to make Ruth Haring the Head of the U.S. Delegation, and the third was to recognize Don Schultz for his service. The motion was made by e mail on August 20, 2009, and passed on August 21, 2009.

EB10-004 - Atkins Whereas the resignation of Don Schultz as FIDE Delegate creates a vacancy in the position of USCF FIDE Delegate and Whereas the possible movement by FIDE to create a FIDE zone consisting of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Bermuda (eliminating the U.S. as its own zone), reduces the impact and influence of the U.S. within FIDE, something which is absolutely against the interests of the USCF:

The Executive Board moves that Michael Khodarkovsky be appointed as USCF FIDE Delegate and that Ruth Haring be appointed as Head of Delegation so that we are a strong and united team in our representation at FIDE. The Executive Board also moves that Don Schultz be recognized for his years of service to the USCF, the Board of Delegates, the Executive Board and as FIDE Delegate. A plaque commemorating his service to be presented at an appropriate place and time.

PASSED 4-0-1 with Ruth Haring abstaining.

Bill Goichberg moved by e mail on August 20, 2009, that we engage a new audit firm for the 2010 fiscal year. It passed on August 21, 2009.

EB10-005 - Goichberg I move that we engage a new audit firm for the 2010 fiscal year.

PASSED 5-0.

The College Chess Committee presented proposed changes to eligibility rules to the Board. Mike Atkins moved the changes on August 21, 2009, by e mail. During the discussion, College Chess Committee chair Jim Stallings contacted the Board and recommended a change from six to nine semester credit hours as the minimum for graduate students. The College Chess Committee had approved that change by a 13 0 5 vote. The original motion had been approved by the Board but more time was allowed for the purpose of the Board considering that change. Mike Atkins amended his motion to make the minimum nine hours on August 24, 2009. The motion was voted again and passed on August 30, 2009. The motion listed below is the final wording.

EB10-006 - Atkins I move The Board accept the changes (recommended by the College Chess Committee) as worded below.

Rule 1:

For college and university teams, titled players (International Masters, International Grandmasters, International Woman Masters, and International Woman Grandmasters) are eligible to participate if they satisfy at least one of the following stipulations: #1 or all three conditions listed in #2.

1. Are less than 26 years old as undergraduate students, or under 30 years old as graduate students, as of September 1 of the academic year in which the tournament takes place.

2. Satisfy all of the following three conditions:

- (a) Are full time, degree seeking students (e.g., at least 12 semester credit hours for undergraduate students and 9 semester credit hours for graduate students);
- (b) Have a grade point average of at least B (e.g., at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale);
- (c) Have satisfied conditions 1 and 2 for at least one full semester at their team's college or university prior to the event.

Rule 1 applies to all college events individual or team. There are no age restrictions on players not having the four above mentioned international titles.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer not voting.

Ruth Haring volunteered to be on the EB Forums Subcommittee. The EB moved by e mail on September 17 that she be added. The motion passed on September 27.

EB10-007 - Goichberg I move that Ruth Haring be appointed to the Executive Board Forums Subcommittee.

PASSED 5-0.

The Scholastic Council passed changes in the Scholastic Regulations that they want to be incorporated into the regulations in time for the November Nationals. Mike Atkins moved on September 27, 2009, that these changes be reviewed and accepted. The motion passed without objection on September 29.

EB10-008 - Atkins I move to accept and implement the proposed changes from the Scholastic Council.

PASSED 5-0.

The changes that were accepted are shown below. The votes that are shown were the Scholastic Council votes on each point.

- 1) Add "21.10 In the interest of player security, at all elementary sections of national events, certain doors will be identified as player exits according to the physical layout of the facility."

PASSED 4-0.

- 2) Add "21.11 Whenever space permits a designated parent waiting area shall be set up in the playing hall where parents and other responsible adults can meet players who are exiting the playing area after the conclusion of their game. Adults may remain in this area from the start of the round until all games have been completed. This does not apply to K 1 sections. (See 21.4)"

PASSED 4-0.

- 3) Change 22.5.1 from "10 individual and 5 team trophies per 100 players in each section" to "a minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players in each section."

PASSED 4-0.

- 4) Change 22.5.1.1 from "K 12 Championship: 1800 1999, 1600 1799, 1400 1599, U1400" to "K 12 Championship: 1900 1999, 1800 1899, 1700 1799, 1600 1699, 1500 1599, 1400 1499, 1300 1399, 1200 1299, U1200."

Change 22.5.1.2 from "K 8 Championship: 1400 1599, 1200 1399, 1000 1199" to "K 8 Championship: 1500 1599, 1400 1499, 1300 1399, 1200 1299, 1100 1199, 1000 1099."

Change 22.5.1.3 from "K 6 Championship: 1200 1399, 1000 1199, 800 999" to "K 6 Championship: 1300 1399, 1200 1299, 1100 1199, 1000 1099, 900 999, 800 899."

Change 22.5.1.3 from "K 5 Championship: 1200 1399, 1000 1199, 800 999" to "K 6 Championship: 1300 1399, 1200 1299, 1100 1199, 1000 1099, 900 999, 800 899."

Change 22.5.1.3 from "K 3 Championship: 1000 1199, 800 999, 600 799" to "K 3 Championship: 1100 1199, 1000 1099, 900 999, 800 899, 700 799, 600 699."

PASSED 4-0.

- 5) Change 22.5.2 to add class prizes for the 1000 1199 class for grades 2 and 3.

PASSED 4-0.

Rene Phillips has submitted an application to become a Level 5 Professional Chess Coach. The Scholastic Council has reviewed and approved the application. Mike Atkins moved by e mail on September 27 that the EB approve the application, which is the first Level 5 Professional Chess Coach application to be submitted. The motion passed on September 30, 2009.

EB10-009 - Atkins Moved that the board approve this application and note that it is the very first application submitted for a Level 5 Professional Chess Coach under these guidelines.

PASSED 5-0.

Jim Berry moved by e mail on September 10, 2009, to approve the 2009 2010 Scholastic Committee. The vote was incomplete and a new vote was called for the motion on September 27, 2009. The motion passed on September 30, 2009.

EB10-010 - Berry The 2009 2010 Scholastic Committee is approved.

PASSED 5-0.

The Scholastic Committee approved in the above motion is as follows:

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A special election must be run to fill two single year vacancies on the Executive Board. The Board had to decide the required filing

fee, deadline date, and the required number of signatures. The Board can also consider the membership cutoff date. Jim Berry made the following motion by e mail on October 12, 2009. As the special election needs to be publicized soon the motion was considered passed once at least three positive votes were received. The motion passed on the same day.

EB10-011 - Berry The Board decides the following are the filing requirements for a candidate in the Special Election:

1. \$250 filing fee
2. Jan. 11, 2010 filing date
3. 30 signatures
4. leave choice of member cut off date to election committee

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer not voting

The following revision to what USCF charges affiliates for FIDE rating of events was proposed by Bill Goichberg on October 22, 2009 by e mail.

EB10-012 - Goichberg I move that the fee that USCF charges to affiliates for the FIDE rating of events be raised effective March 1, 2010, for Swisses and Jan. 1, 2010, for round robins. The new fee for Swisses shall be \$2 per FIDE ratable performance, with a minimum fee of \$60 per section. The new fee for round robins or matches shall be, in dollars, an amount similar to the fee charged in Euros by FIDE to USCF. The exact amount will be determined by the Executive Director after consideration of the likely value of the Euro. This fee may be reviewed quarterly, with changes taking effect 3 months after that review. Upon passage of this motion, the USCF website shall immediately begin to prominently publicize the new fees, which will also be announced in *Chess Life* beginning with the December issue.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer not voting.

The Board met in Crossville, TN, on October 31 and November 1, 2009. Motions EB010 013 through 023 were presented and voted.

Ruth Haring moved the acceptance of the minutes of the August 6, 2009, meeting of the 2009 Board and creation of the U.S. Girls Junior Open, and creation of a Technology/Internet subcommittee. Bill Goichberg made 4 motions regarding ratings. Mike Atkins moved acceptance of the new TDCC rules and regulations and scholastic coach applications. The Board moved that Board approval of scholastic chess coach applicants not be required.

EB10-013 - Haring Move to approve the minutes for the August 6, 2009, Executive Board Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-014 - Goichberg The Executive Board is concerned about the following problems with the Quick rating system:

1. Some players who have improved substantially in regular rated play while playing little or no quick chess are very underrated, sometimes by as many as 1,000 points.
2. It appears that most players who are rated in both the quick and regular systems, by a substantial margin, have quick ratings that are lower than regular. It would be ideal if the number of players whose quick is lower than regular was about the same as the number whose quick is higher than regular.

To address problem #1, we request that testing be conducted on methods involving rating all time controls in the quick system and varying the K factor based on time control, such as the following:

- A. G/5 G/29 150% K, G/30 G/60 110% K, slower than G/60 70% K.

B. G/5 G/29 150% K, G/30 G/60 115% K, slower than G/60 80% K.

To address problem #2, we request that the Ratings Committee recommend an accelerated bonus schedule or other method for inflating the quick rating pool so that quick above regular occurs with about the same frequency as quick below regular, and a method for then approximately maintaining this relationship between the two systems.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-015 - Goichberg Moved, that the Executive Board believes that ratings change too slowly at the level of about 1800 2200, and that causing such ratings to change somewhat more rapidly would both promote activity and better reflect improvement by young players. We believe that most ratings in this range should change at least 25% more rapidly than they do at present, and that some in this range should change at least 50% more rapidly. We ask the Ratings Committee to recommend, before our February, 2010, meeting, changes in the USCF ratings formula that will accomplish this objective. Rationale: Such change would leave all ratings in this range changing considerably less rapidly than they did prior to 2001. The higher rate of change (K factor) for this range used for about 25 years prior to 2001 was more desirable from the promotional stand point than what we have today.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-016 - Goichberg Rating based floors shall be created at 1300 and 1200.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-017 - Goichberg Moved, that the Executive Board approves in principle the concept of "Victory Points" as described below, with the goal of implementing this idea approximately six months after the implementation of the lifetime titles system.

VICTORY POINTS This would be a relatively simple cumulative system that could coexist with ratings and titles. It would have no effect on either, but would offer the prospect of increased credit to all players, even those who are declining. It would reward not only activity and success, but also aggressive play (no credit for draws). And though it would not show current strength, most with high point totals would be high rated players. Here is how it might work:

FOR EVENTS WITH SOME OR ALL GAMES SLOWER THAN G/60

A win over a 1401 1600 opponent earns 1 victory point

A win over a 1601 1800 opponent earns 2 victory points

A win over a 1801 2000 opponent earns 4 victory points

A win over a 2001 2200 opponent earns 8 victory points

A win over a 2201 2400 opponent earns 16 victory points

A win over a 2401 and up opponent earns 32 victory points

FOR EVENTS WITH ALL ROUNDS G/30 TO G/60

No credit for a win over a 1401 1600 opponent

Other credits are half of those listed above

The G/30 G/60 win over a 1401 1600 could count as a half point, but I would rather avoid decimals in the totals. Or it could count for a point with everything else being doubled, but maybe we should keep most of the numbers low for easier calculation and display. And encouraging kids anxious to score their first victory point or points to play at a fairly slow time control doesn't seem a bad idea.

Note that floored players would count as the class below for generating victory points. It only takes a 1 point adjustment to do this, so we might as well avoid the possibility that in small tournaments someone could pile up a lot of victory points by facing the same overrated player(s) repeatedly. Not all players with ratings ending in 00 are floored, but the cutoff has to be somewhere, so that seems the best place to put it.

What would a player get for victory points? To start with, we would publish lists on occasion in *Chess Life*, and more often and in more detail on the web, lifetime totals and annual totals of the national victory point leaders, the leaders who live in each state, the most victory points scored in each state (not the same thing), and there could be other categories such as largest number of states in which the player scored at least 5 or 10 or 20 victory points playing in each state, etc.

There would be special awards for players with 1,000 or 10,000 or whatever victory points in a year or lifetime. We don't need to decide now what these awards will be called, but it wouldn't be the same name as anything in the rating system or title system.

Another possible use for victory points is, as with titles, to award class prizes. Once we see how many players in each class have how many lifetime victory points, organizers could offer class prizes to players in each class who have a certain minimum number of points (it should be a number no more than half the players in the section are likely to have). Like the Mike Regan idea with titles, such class prizes will favor the older players, who tend to be winning little now, and probably even more so than titles. Players will want victory points not only for the recognition, but also the added prize eligibility.

Duplicate bridge has long used a relatively simple system of amassing "Master Points" with great success, despite lacking an Elo type system to show current strength. When I used to play duplicate bridge in clubs several times a week, I would see the same players, mostly seniors with over 50% women, appearing regularly and on occasion when they placed high they seemed very happy to receive their Master Point certificates. The entry fees were about \$5 with no prizes other than the certificates; I imagine they are higher today, and some bridge clubs had 14 games per week, an afternoon game and an evening game every day, with about 40 50 people participating in the afternoon and 60 80 at night.

This structure allowed full time bridge clubs to prosper, while most chess clubs meet just one night per week, are expected by the players to return a substantial percentage of any entry fees as prizes, can afford only the lowest cost sites, and offer no business opportunity for their manager.

It's not the best timing introducing two systems at once, but we don't need to do that, and implementation of past changes has been slow; even if we don't specify it, there would probably be a gap between announcing titles and implementing victory points. I just hope that gap is no more than a year. The victory point system seems desirable as it does some important things that the title system doesn't:

- 1) Even most declining players can easily add to their total.
- 2) No one, after reaching a goal, will feel that further progress is impossible.
- 3) Most players will see progress immediately online after each tournament.
- 4) The point system format is suitable for simple promotional breakdowns by state, year, age, etc. or rivalries between club or team members.
- 5) Rewards aggressive play.
- 6) Encourages play at relatively slow time controls, which is good for the development of young players.
- 7) Credits will be available even in short events such as quads and team matches, or for house players.
- 8) Allows a desirable new type of class prize, one limited to players

who have scored a certain minimum number of victory points. The offering of such prizes would likely increase opportunity for players who are not improving, and promote the victory point system.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-018 - Atkins Move to approve the new TDCC rules and regulations.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-019 - Atkins Move to approve 5 Scholastic Chess Coach Applications:

Bob Holliman Level I

Ralph Bowman National Level IV

CJ Armenta National Level IV

Mark Ritter Professional Chess Coach Level V

Tonya Kranich Ritter, National Level IV.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-020 - Board Board approval of applicants is not required for Chess Coach Certification Program. The Scholastic Council should consult with the USCF Office prior to approval.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-021 - Haring The USCF Executive Board establishes and recognizes as a National event the U.S. Girls Junior Open Championship (Under 21). The tournament will run concurrent with the Denker Tournament of Champions. Entry fee is free if the player is a paid participant of the U.S. Open.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-022 - Goichberg Moved that USCF ask FIDE VP Bill Kelleher to move that FIDE approve the following:

1. 40/120, SD/1 with 5 second delay or increment is acceptable for norms
2. 40/115, SD/1 with 5 second delay or increment is acceptable for norms
3. The FIDE limit of 12 hours play per day is changed to 12½ hours. This would allow two rounds per day at 40/120, SD/1 with 5 second delay or increments.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-023 - Haring Move that we create a Technology/Internet Sub Committee. Committee members include:

Ruth Haring, Bill Hall, and others to be appointed at a later date.

Committee will address: Payments to USCF via PayPal, Online Mailing Lists, Link Exchange.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer absent.

Bill Goichberg moved by e mail objections procedure on December 11 then following update to the U.S. Open Committee. It passed without objection on December 16, 2009.

I move the following by 5 day objections procedure (passes in 5 days if no one objects):

Hal Terrie is named chair of the U.S. Open Committee.

Ramon Hernandez is added to the U.S. Open Committee.

PASSED 5-0.

Randy Bauer moved by e mail on 01/14/10 to instruct the Executive Director to sign the settlement agreements in the Polgar/Truong mat

ter. Bill Goichberg suggested that it be a Board motion.

PASSED.

EB10-025 - Board I move that the Executive Board direct Bill Hall to sign for the USCF the settlement agreement with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong as well as the settlement agreement with the USCF insurance carrier.

PASSED 5-0.

Bill Goichberg moved by e mail on 01/22/10 revision of USCF Olympiad regulations to change age bonus points and to add the U.S. Champion determined at the May, 2010, event at St. Louis to the men's U.S. Olympic team.

EB10-026 - Goichberg Change age bonus points in the USCF Olympiad regulations to those shown below.

PASSED 5-0.

For Olympiad qualification, the age based bonuses are changed to the following, based on the player's age as of Jan. 1 of the Olympiad year:

Age 21 and over: no bonus

Age 20: 5 points

Age 19: 10 points

Age 18: 15 points

Age 17: 20 points

Age 16: 25 points

Age 15 or below: 30 points

EB10-027 - Goichberg Add U.S. Champion from the 2010 May St Louis event to 2010 USCF Men's Olympic team.

PASSED 5-0.

An online EB meeting was held on the weekend of February 20 21, 2010. All 5 Board members were connected. The following motions arose from that meeting:

EB10-028 - Berry Accept the minutes for the November EB Meeting.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-029 - Goichberg Approve the proposed U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship invitational requirements, to be effective with the 2011 Championships.

PASSED 5-0.

The requirements approved are as follows:

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP AND U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Effective with the 2011 Championships

Format. In recent years, the U.S. Championship has been a 9 round Swiss with at least 24 players, and the U.S. Women's Championship a round robin with at least 10 players. Different formats may be used in the future if desired by the sponsor and approved by USCF.

Membership. Players must be USCF members in good standing at the time of invitation.

Rating. Usually some players are invited based on USCF rating. The number of qualifying spots based on rating shall be deter

mined by USCF in consultation with the sponsor.

Depending Champion. For each event, the most recent winner of the event is automatically qualified.

U.S. Open. The top finishing U.S. player in the most recent U.S. Open, plus possibly one or more additional top finishers, qualifies for the U.S. Championship. The number of qualifiers shall be determined by USCF in consultation with the sponsor.

U.S. Junior and Girls Junior. The winner of the most recent U.S. Junior Championship qualifies for the U.S. Championship. The winner of the most recent U.S. Junior Girls Open Championship qualifies for the U.S. Women's Championship.

U.S. Senior. The top finishing U.S. player in the most recent U.S. Senior Open usually qualifies for the U.S. Championship, however if no U.S. Senior is held between two U.S. Championships, the second U.S. Championship may have no senior qualifier.

Tournament of State Champions. The winner of the most recent online Tournament of State Champions usually qualifies for the U.S. Championship.

Other Qualifiers. Other qualifying events may be designated by USCF in consultation with the sponsor.

Wild Cards. USCF may grant the sponsor the right to select a number of players for "wild card" invitations. Such invitations will be at the sponsor's discretion, but are generally players of at least master strength (U.S. Championship) or expert strength (U.S. Women's Championship).

Timing of Invitations. Invitations based on rating are usually determined about 2 to 3 months before each tournament. Qualifying events may be held at any time since the previous Championship.

Ties. Ties will be broken by the number of games played in the 12 months prior to invitation.

Activity Requirement. Players must play a minimum of 15 USCF rated games against players rated over 2200 (U.S. Championship) or 2000 (U.S. Women's Championship) in the 12 months prior to invitation, with at least 8 of these games taking place in the U.S. Matches, private tournaments, and games at a faster time control than G/30 are not counted.

Residency. Before becoming eligible for USCF invitations, non United States citizens who have FIDE ratings or have represented another country in a chess competition must fulfill the following residency requirements:

1. A player who has a green card, or other acceptable proof of permanent U.S. residency such as an I 94 Visa, O 1 Visa, H1B1 Visa, or Student Visa, must complete one continuous year (12 months) of United States residency, with a U.S. address, immediately prior to the event in question. Occasional brief visits to foreign countries during this 12 month period are acceptable, but the player must be in the U.S. for a majority of this time. In addition, players may be required to provide a written promise that they will apply for U.S. citizenship as soon as legally possible.
2. Players must complete and sign a USCF residency form, and these residency forms must be received by the USCF prior to the time when invitations are determined. The USCF then has the option of requiring the player to change his or her FIDE status to U.S. Blank residency forms can be obtained from the USCF office.
3. Players must refuse to represent other countries within the waiting period as specified above. Playing for another country at any time requires a candidate for invitations to begin a one year waiting period anew. Representing another country is defined as playing in the national championship of another country, and/or playing as a member of another country's national team in international competition.

4. Zonal events: In years in which the U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship are also Zonal tournaments, any qualification spots allotted by FIDE from these events for the FIDE world championship competition will be offered only to the highest scoring players who also fulfill all FIDE requirements. If a question arises as to USCF versus FIDE requirements, FIDE's criteria shall be used.

5. Players shall, in general, suffer no penalty for simply participating in a FIDE rated event under their current national affiliation code, such as in international norm granting events other than those listed in #4 above.

INVITATIONS ARE A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT

Note: USCF invitations are a privilege, not a right afforded to any player by virtue of his or her status as a USCF member. The USCF reserves the right to not issue invitations to any particular event, or to change these criteria without advance notice.

EB10-030 - Board The USCF Executive Board congratulates the USA Team for their silver medal result at the World Team Championship in Bursa, Turkey, January 2010. The EB thanks the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis for their sponsorship. The U.S. team consisted of Grandmasters Hikaru Nakamura, Alexander Onischuk, Yury Shulman, Varuzhan Akobian, Robert Hess, Ray Robson and team captain/coach IM John Donaldson. GMs Nakamura and Onischuk achieved individual gold medal results. The EB would like to recognize IM John Donaldson's continued extraordinary record of success leading U.S. teams in international competitions.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-031 - Board The USCF Executive Board appoints an online play subcommittee to evaluate and explore opportunities for the USCF to benefit from online chess related activities. Committee members are Ruth Haring, Bill Goichberg and Bill Hall.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-032 - Atkins Moved that Matt Lodge be added to the Denker Committee.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-033 - Goichberg Moved that Bob Rasmussen is appointed chair of the Clubs Committee.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-034 - Goichberg Moved that John McCrary and Randy Hough are added to the Awards Committee. Existing members who continue are John Donaldson and Harold Winston. Chair is Donaldson and liaison Bill Goichberg.

PASSED 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Randy Bauer.

Mike Atkins moved by e mail on February 22 to affirm the decision of the Rules Committee in the 2008 Miami Open appeal.

EB10-035 - Atkins Moved The USCF Executive Board, having reviewed the Rules Committee decision in the case of The Miami Open 2008, and the appeal of the Miami Open organizers, affirm the Rules Committee decision. The 60 day clock for the organizers as mentioned in the decision starts upon announced passage of this motion.

PASSED 5-0.

Bill Goichberg moved by e mail on February 25, 2010, to establish a Governance Task Force.

EB10-001 - Goichberg EB10 036 Goichberg Moved, that the Executive Board appoints a Special Task Force on USCF Governance, with Joe Lux as chair. The Task Force will consist of all Bylaws Committee members willing to serve and Executive Board members willing to serve. After the announcement of this Task Force, those eligible to serve will have seven days to decide whether or not they agree to be members.

Among the major questions we expect the Task Force to address are the following:

1. Can our Executive Board recall procedures be improved so that when recall of an EB member is appropriate, it can be more efficiently achieved, without making it so easy that it will become likely to be used for political reasons?
2. Can our Executive Board election procedures be improved so that we have better informed voters, and/or better qualified candidates whose main priority is the welfare of our organization?
3. Should our corporate directors continue to be the Board of Delegates, or should this be changed so that the Executive Board members are the directors? If such a change is made, is it important for the Board of Delegates to continue to be the ultimate authority in certain areas, and if so how can this best be achieved?

The Task Force may also consider any other governance issues that it considers important.

We are hopeful that the Task Force will submit several ADMs for inclusion on the agenda for Irvine. After that meeting, if there is unfinished business, our intention is to continue the Task Force for at least another year, however we consider that those who agree to serve now are doing so only through the 2010 meeting of the Board of Delegates.

PASSED 5-0.

Mike Atkins moved the recommendation of the Military Committee which was to name Lt. Col. Doug Taffinder as chair. This would be the start of a program of rotation where the organizer of the U.S. military championships each year becomes the chair of the Military Committee after the tournament is held. The rotation would be the Air Force organizer (Lt. Col. Taffinder) for 2010 followed by the Marines organizer (currently John Farrell) for 2011, the Navy organizer in 2012, and the Army organizer in 2013. The motion was made and passed by e mail on April 8, 2010.

EB10-037 - Atkins Doug Taffinder be named Chair of Military Chess Committee.

PASSED 5-0.

A Board motion was made and passed by e mail on April 8 that the U.S. support the candidacy of Anatoly Karpov for FIDE President.

EB10-038 - Board The USCF Executive Board makes a motion that the USCF support GM Anatoly Karpov in the upcoming FIDE election for President Oct. 2010.

PASSED 5-0.

The Board moved and passed a motion by e mail on April 10, 2010, to endorse Richard Conn as FIDE Deputy President on Anatoly Karpov's slate.

EB10-039 - Board The USCF EB makes a motion to endorse Richard Conn as FIDE Deputy President on GM Anatoly Karpov's slate. Announcement as written below will be posted on USCF website upon completion of a positive voting result.

PASSED 5-0.

USCF ENDORSES RICHARD CONN FOR FIDE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

by the USCF Executive Board

USCF is pleased to announce that former World Champion Anatoly Karpov, candidate for the office of FIDE President, has offered a spot on his ticket to the prominent international attorney Richard A. Conn, Jr. The Executive Board has unanimously endorsed the inclusion of Mr. Conn on the Karpov ticket and enthusiastically supports the ticket. Mr. Conn, a USCF member with a rating of 1943, will run for Deputy President of FIDE, a post exceeded in prominence only by the President. If elected, he will be the highest ranking American in FIDE history.

Mr. Conn is Managing Director of Conn International Group LLC, a Moscow/NY based financial and legal advisory firm. Prior to founding CIG in 2003, Mr. Conn practiced international corporate law for nearly twenty years as an equity partner with the international law firm Latham & Watkins. He founded the firm's Moscow office in 1992 and managed it for four years prior to returning to U.S.

A longstanding member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Russia Business Council, Mr. Conn regularly consults with the World Bank, Members of Congress, and the Administration regarding Russian economic issues. He Co Chaired the U.S. Russia Business Council and American Chamber of Commerce (Moscow) joint initiative to facilitate Russian accession to WTO. He now serves as Strategic Advisor to DLA Piper US LLP, a 3,500 lawyer international law firm with 67 offices worldwide.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and Fordham University Law School, Mr. Conn clerked for the Honorable Gordon Thompson, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, authored Collier Labor Law and the Bankruptcy Code and is fluent in Russian and Spanish.

Bill Hall moved by e mail on May 6 that Harry Sabine be named chief teller for the 2010 election.

EB10-040 - Hall I move that the USCF Executive Board appoint Harry Sabine as the Chief Teller for the 2010 Special Executive Board Election scheduled for July of this year.

PASSED 4-0 on May 6 with no ballot received from Randy Bauer.

An EB meeting was held in St. Louis, MO, on the weekend of May 22 23 at 9 AM. All Board members were present. Executive Director Bill Hall, Assistant Executive Director and Director of National Events Patricia Knight Smith, CFO Joe Nanna, IT Director and Webmaster Phil Smith, and Scholastic Council Co Chair Mike Nietman were also present. Garrett Scott and Publications Director Daniel Lucas arrived later. Motions from that meeting follow.

SATURDAY

EB10-041 - Berry Move to approve the minutes as distributed from the February EB meeting.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-042 - Board The Executive Board appoints a FIDE Subcommittee consisting of Ruth Haring, Bill Goichberg and Mike Atkins.

PASSED 5-0.

President Jim Berry's report focused on the U.S. Championship, Anatoly Karpov's campaign for FIDE President, the upcoming EB election, the Governance Task Force, and thanks to the staff at Crossville for a job well done.

Executive Director Bill Hall's report focused on USCF's financial situation. He indicated that the lawsuits are behind us and our position is better than anticipated, but it will take several years of austerity for a complete recovery. He announced that the Spring

National Scholastics were all very successful. Bill Hall also reviewed the status of action items with the Board.

VP of Finance Randy Bauer's report noted that eleven month figures are in the black and that there could be a balanced budget this year due to reductions in expenditures, but he stressed that it is important to seek opportunities to increase revenues. Director of Publications Daniel Lucas recommended that *Chess Life Online* and the USCF's web presence be bolstered to increase member retention. Bill Hall noted that Daniel Lucas has done a lot to make *Chess Life* relevant.

EB10-043 - Board The USCF Executive Board, based on recommendation from the Audit Committee, directs the office to engage the firm of Bible, Harris and Smith of Knoxville, TN for the 2010 FY audit.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-044 - Board The Executive Board approves and recommends the 2011 FY Budget for approval by the Delegates as presented at the May meeting.

PASSED 5-0.

The USCF 501(c)(3) application was discussed. There are still issues with the USCF charter that need to be resolved and more information is needed from the IL lawyer. The matter was referred back to Bill Hall for investigation and action as an action item. No motions were made.

Other items discussed on Saturday included Mike Nietman's presentation of a U.S. Open bid for Madison, WI along with a discussion of U.S. Open locations; U.S. Championship qualification and format; and the USCF Rulebook.

The EB entered closed session Saturday at 5:00 PM and voted those items that were discussed in closed session Sunday morning.

EB10-045 - Board The Executive Board approves the list of Annual Awards as follows:

Committee of the Year
Tournament Director Certificate on Committee

Honorary Chess Mates
Phil Smith, Joan Schlich

Distinguished Service Award
Steve Shutt, Dr. Frank Brady

Tournament Director of the Year
Jon Shacter

Special Service Award
Jay Stallings, John Blackstone

Outstanding Career Achievement Award
Val Zemtsov, Hal Terrace, Chuck Ensey, Mike Nagaran

Gold Koltanowski Medal
Rex Snodgrass, Phil LeCornu

Chess City of the Year
Nashville, TN

GM of the Year
Hikaru Nakamura

Frank J. Marshall Award
Michael Aigner

Organizer of the Year
Tony Reich

Meritorious Service Award
Jim Stallings, Dewain Barber, Richard Buchanan, Alan Anderson, Danny Rensch

Scholastic Services
Greg Shahade, Berkeley Chess School

Chess Club of the Year
Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis

Chess College of the Year
El Centro Community College, Dallas, TX

PASSED 5-0.

Changes to USCF Forum procedures were discussed and a revision was approved to the Acceptable Use Guidelines.

EB10-046 - Goichberg The Executive Board passes revisions to the AUG as follows: (See Appendix A).

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-047 - Hall The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a three year extension of Daniel Lucas' contract per the parameters discussed in closed session.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-048 - Hough The Executive Board authorizes the President to enter into a one year extension of the Executive Director, Bill Hall's contract per the parameters discussed in closed session.

PASSED 5-0.

EB10-049 - Board In the ethics case Forcella vs. Rochester Chess Center, the Executive Board denies the appeal by Mr. Forcella.

PASSED 5-0.

Joe Lux reported on the Governance Task Force. The Task Force will submit three ADMs for the Irvine meeting. An issue that divided the Task Force was whether the Delegates or the EB should be the Board of Directors. It was concluded that the Task Force would like the Executive Board to be the Board of Directors with the Delegates losing as little power as possible. This action would protect the Delegates from possible lawsuits. An opinion from an IL attorney is needed to determine how best this could be accomplished. It was agreed that Bill Hall should contact the IL attorney and present questions prepared by both the Governance Task Force and Executive Board. The resulting opinion will determine what can be done and a time line for action.

Mike Nietman, Co chair of the Scholastic Council, brought up "USCF Scholastic Blitz Chess Clock Move or Touch Move?" After discussion the Board recommended the Scholastic Council reconsider the matter.

Duties and Responsibilities for State Chapters was the next item for discussion. Item 5 deals with SASP (which hasn't existed for years), so it would need to be removed or replaced. Bill Goichberg proposed a new item 5 to be referred to the States Committee.

EB10-050 - Goichberg The Executive Board refers an ADM to the States Committee for comment, which incorporates the following into DM91 27, Duties and Responsibilities of USCF State Affiliates. (see Appendix B) Replace #5 with the following: Use the USCF rating system for all rated state championship activity, and encourage its use for all other rated chess activity in the state.

PASSED 5-0.

Bill Hall recommended that due to changes in policy and procedures the FOC would no longer be needed. The Board voted to thank the committee members for all of their time and effort doing a difficult job was in order.

EB10-051 - Board The Executive Board thanks all of the members of the Forum Oversight Committee for volunteering their time, effort and energy on our behalf.

PASSED 5-0.

Other items discussed on Sunday included the schedule for meetings and workshops in Irvine, the website (discussion moved to closed session due to ongoing negotiations), an improvement in phone and email communication from the office, human interest tournament reports for viewing online and in *CL* features, National Chess Day activities and sponsorships (Bill Hall accepted action items dealing with the last three items), and a FIDE Arbiter's Seminar at the U.S. Open.

Michael Atkins made a specific proposal for National Chess Day

by e mail on June 15, 2010. He then moved that the proposal be passed in an expedited manner. It passed on June 16.

EB10-052 - Atkins I move that the above be passed within 5 days (June 20) in order to allow affiliates the time to create such events.

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer yet to vote.

The proposal follows below:

- 1) Any Rated Beginner Open that includes "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets both a free TLA and free rating fees.
- 2) Any 1 day event for Oct. 9 which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets a free TLA.
- 3) Any 2 3 day event held over a period which encompasses Oct. 9, which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title, will get free TLA and free rating fees.
- 4) These TLA ads in *Chess Life* should have a double lined boxed border in the September *Chess Life* in order for them to stand out. The TLA online should also allow the events to stand out, so the font in the online TLA will be bold and red.
- 5) Any organizer/director of these qualifying events is encouraged to submit a 100 word description of the event and results, and what was done to promote chess in this event, by November 10, for consideration in a National Chess Day article in the December *Chess Life* of at least 1 page with the editor having discretion to increase its length. All such articles should appear in *Chess Life Online* coverage if appropriate.
- 6) When passed, this program will be posted in *Chess Life Online*'s rotating news items on June 21 and also be available on a link on other appropriate pages.

Addendum: 6.)

When submitting a TLA for these events, the organizer/affiliate is entitled to request 2 copies of a recent Chess Life (for open events) or 2 copies of Chess Life for Kids (for scholastic events) as well as copies of USCF related chess flyers for display at their event. They should include their mailing address in the TLA for shipment.

APPENDIX A—May, 2010 Acceptable Use Guidelines for the USCF Forums

Be respectful of the community and its members

The Forums are provided to be a constructive resource for the USCF and its members. All users share in the responsibility to maintain its decorum. The following are examples of acceptable and unacceptable conduct. They are not meant to be an exhaustive list, and users should continually be guided by the need to respect the community and its members.

Do not make personal attacks or defamatory or disparaging comments about anyone in the chess world. Factually oriented posts critical of a person, group or company are generally permitted, at moderator discretion. Criticism of those outside the chess world, if relevant to the discussion, may be permitted without supporting evidence.

Do not post suggestions, without specifically identified substantial proof, that a person may have committed an unethical or criminal act.

Do not post allegations without checking your facts first. If your post is about USCF, the governance section of uschess.org is a good source to consult, and you may also ask the USCF office or an EB or committee member for information. Search engines can also be valuable. If facts you post are challenged, address this before making further Forum posts.

If you refer to someone by name, use their actual name, not a made up or sarcastic name.

Do not use vulgar, violent or obscene language. Do not flame or

troll. No bullying, threats or intimidation. No libelous, defamatory, offensive, bigoted, racist or sexist remarks. No name calling. Do not post in all capital or all bold letters.

No advertising, not chain letters, no threats to take legal action, no impersonation of others.

Do not post phone numbers, e mail addresses or other personal information of others. Do not post private correspondence without permission. Posting a link to a website or document is not automatically prohibited because someone's phone number is there; the moderators should use judgment.

Do not accuse anyone of lying, telling a lie, or being a liar. This is considered a personal attack, even if true. You can get the point across just as well by saying and supporting with evidence, that statements are false, untrue, incorrect, etc. or the person you think is lying is wrong, mistaken, careless with facts, insincere, etc.

Posts critical of and quoting statements made by chess leaders or candidates are generally acceptable, even if such statements would violate the AUG if posted directly. Moderators may reject such posts if they feel their objective is to publicize the statement rather than to criticize it.

Do not post material that could constitute or encourage a violation of copyright or other law.

Do not sign your posts with commercial websites or company names. You can put the link to your website in your profile. Do not use your signature for messages of a political (chess politics or government politics) or argumentative nature.

No solicitations of funds. However, appeals for funds for worthy charitable causes may be permitted with advance approval by the USCF Executive Director.

Posts unrelated to chess are discouraged. Keep your posts to the topic of the thread. Do not post the same or a similar message more than once in a forum or in multiple forums. Start new topics for a new discussion.

Dealing with moderators

Moderators have the right to remove, edit, move or close any topic at any time as well as to issue warnings. Send a PM to a moderator if you have a question about a post or wish to report a violation of the guidelines.

Moderators are not investigators, and should not be expected to decide on the truth of posts, except in obvious cases.

Do not post a complaint that a post was removed, as those who can't see the post will not understand. Post complaining about moderation in general may be acceptable if not repetitive.

Moderation Actions

Any moderator may remove material, propose a queue assignment, issue a warning, and/or request the editing of material.

The Moderation Committee (MOC), consisting of 3 persons, is appointed by the Executive Director. At least two are current moderators, and the third a current or past moderator or another person with relevant experience. There is also one alternate, a current or past moderator or someone with relevant experience. A committee member who is unavailable shall be replaced by the alternate.

The MOC may, at its discretion and for cause, place a poster in a moderation queue, requiring prior approval of posts. Each queue assignment may not last longer than one month, however if a poster submits unacceptable posts while in the queue, the MOC may extend the queue assignment for two months from the date of the most recent unacceptable post.

The MOC chair is expected to try to conclude voting on each proposed queue assignment within 10 days of the removal or rejection of the most recent associated post. After 10 days, if the vote

is in favor of or against the queue within at least 2 votes for the majority position, the appeal is decided. If the assignment has less than 2 votes, and not all have voted, the chair should extend voting for another 5 days. After 15 days, if the assignment has less than two votes in favor, it shall not be imposed.

The MOC may restore a post. In voting on restoral, the moderator who removed the post, if on the committee, shall be replaced by the alternate.

MOC decisions regarding the removal of posts or the assignment of posters to the queue are not appealable. Posting in the forums is a privilege, not a right of membership.

The USCF Executive Director may terminate or suspend the posting privileges of any poster. The MOC may recommend such termination or suspension to the Executive Director.

APPENDIX B—DM91 27 Duties and responsibilities of State Chapters

DM91 27 (H. Hinshaw/Regions and States Workshop) *Purpose:* These **Duties and Responsibilities** are designed to offer criteria for the evaluation of how well a State Chapter is carrying out its responsibilities. The first five items are mandatory and of special significance.

Each State Chapter should:

1. pay its affiliate membership when due and payable;
2. certify in writing to the USCF Secretary by the authorized date (November 1st) the state voting member(s) and alternate(s), who shall be USCF members, and report how they were selected (i.e., appointed, elected);
3. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual USCF rated State Championship;
4. have a formal organizational structure as laid out in bylaws or articles of association which includes but is not limited to specifying the governing authority and their selection, meeting schedule and purpose of the State Chapter, and provide opportunities for membership and participation by all USCF

members residing in the State;

5. appropriately request their SASP allocation to be paid to the State Chapter (or request it be held for future use);
6. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) annual USCF rated Scholastic State High School, Junior High or Middle School and Elementary School Championships;
7. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) other chess tournaments throughout the State and be involved in tournament coordination within the State and with the USCF Tournament Clearinghouse Representative. State Chapters are to support chess throughout the state and exhibit geographical representation in its tournament sponsorship. Examples include but are not limited to statewide or geographically rotating; Rated Beginner Open tournaments, weekend Swisses, tornados, quads as well as: participation in National Chess Day Activities, Regional and/or National Championships;
8. disseminate a periodical that serves as a State chess journal preserving a record of chess activities, promotion events, identifying state officers and, in general, providing a regular mechanism for communicating with its membership. Examples include but are not limited to: State Bulletins, Newsletters or Magazines;
9. promote and publicize chess activities through various media, including but not limited to newspaper articles, television and radio coverage, flyers or notices at libraries, schools and veteran hospitals. Examples include but are not limited to: chess exhibitions and simultaneous, tournaments, chess lectures, chess lessons, chess columns and articles in local and statewide newspapers, chess clubs and meeting lists and announcements; and
10. responsibly act in the best interests of its entire State Chapter membership, encouraging and promoting chess activity statewide. The State Chapter affirms its intention to comply with the duties and responsibilities of credentialed State Chapters."

LETTER OF INTENT

A Promise For Tomorrow

In future support of the work of the **U.S. Chess Trust**, I want to provide for future generations and to ensure the continuity of services by the U.S. Chess Trust.

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to support the U.S. Chess Trust by:

- making a bequest or endowment provision in my Will
- creating a charitable remainder or lead trust naming the U.S. Chess Trust as a beneficiary.
- establishing an endowment or special fund at the U.S. Chess Trust.
- directing the trustees or directors of my foundation to continue beyond my lifetime making an annual gift to the U.S. Chess Trust.
- Making an outright gift to the U.S. Chess Trust during my lifetime in the sum of \$ _____.

This Letter of Intent represents my commitment to the work of the U.S. Chess Trust. It does not represent a legal obligation and may be changed by me at any time.

Whatever the amount of your gift, when you leave a legacy for the future of the U.S. Chess Trust, you are an important part of the Promise for Tomorrow.

Please send with your name, address, phone, and email contact information and email Barbara DeMaro at bduscf@aol.com



*Please note that there is a required amount in order to be listed as a Future Legacy Donor. Write or send an email to Barbara DeMaro, bduscf@aol.com for this amount. Donations to the U.S. Chess Trust are tax-deductible. A 501(c)(3) organization. BD:08/03

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Advance Agenda for the 2010 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting

Hyatt Regency Irvine | August 7-8, 2010

Note: All motions in this advance agenda have been taken Verbatim from the submissions of individual Delegates. The Publications of any motion herein does not constitute an endorsement, agreement, or position by the USCF of anything included or implied in any such motion.

CALL TO ORDER BY USCF PRESIDENT – JIM BERRY

Moment of silence in memory of those of the chess community who have passed on.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

ADM 10-01 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL):

The Delegates re elect as Delegates At Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present in person at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND STANDING RULES, MINUTES OF THE 2009 DELEGATES' MEETING AND APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN.

ADM 10-02 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL):

Move that the minutes of the 2009 Delegates meeting as distributed to the Delegates present in Irvine be accepted.

ADM 10-03 (Bill Goichberg, NY, Executive Board Member)

Move that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian.

ADM 10-04 (Jim Berry, OK, Executive Board Member)

Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2010 Delegates' Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates' Call.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

ADM 10-05 (Mike Nolan, DAL-NE)

Moved that the special executive board election results be certified. The new board members will take office at the conclusion of this meeting.

RATIFICATION

ADM 10-06 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board made available to the Delegates present in Irvine in the form of either Executive

Board Resolutions or Executive Board Minutes since the conclusion of the 2009 Delegates meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (JIM BERRY)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (BILL HALL)

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE (RANDY BAUER)

ADM 10-07 (Board)

The 2010 2011 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS (DANIEL LUCAS)

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. CHESS TRUST (HAROLD WINSTON)

REPORT OF THE FIDE DELEGATE AND ZONAL PRESIDENT

FIDE DELEGATE (MICHAEL KHODARKOVSKY)

FIDE ZONAL PRESIDENT (BEATRIZ MARINELLO)

FIDE VICE PRESIDENT (BILL KELLEHER)

ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE ELECTION

BYLAWS COMMITTEE ELECTION

ELECTION COMMITTEE ELECTION

ETHICS COMMITTEE ELECTION

LMA COMMITTEE ELECTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to time constraints all committee reports will be included in this years' *Delegates' Call* or distributed as handouts at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS**ADM 10-08 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL)**

Pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2009-2010 and authorize their continuation.

ADM 10-09 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL and Bylaws Committee)

Revised wording for DM 09-19 should be as follows:

DM 09-19 (Harold Winston IL and 2009 Bylaws Committee)

Effective in 2011 modify Article V, section 5A to add to the first sentence "except that for each state, if Alternate Delegates are available to attend the Annual Board of Delegates Meeting, those Delegates who have not picked up their credentials by (9:30 AM/11:30 AM) of the first day of the Delegates meeting will be deemed to have resigned as Delegates and the available Alternate Delegates will become Delegates per the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate gives advance notice of a delay in arrival by signed fax or email confirmed by telephone call to the USCF President or Secretary, such a Delegate or Alternate Delegate is not deemed to have resigned unless their credentials are not picked up by 11:30 a.m. of the first day of the Delegates meeting.

The Delegates deemed to have resigned will only be those equal in number to the available Alternate Delegates and will start with the lowest ranked Delegate on the ordered list per Article V, Section 4.

Alternate Delegates may not move up the ranked order until a Delegate or Alternate Delegate of higher rank resigns or is deemed to have resigned."

COMMENT: The Bylaws Committee divided on whether 9:30 am or 11:30 am of the first day of the Delegate meetings was the right time for the cutoff for picking up credentials.

ADM 10-10 (DM09-43, ADM 09-22) (Executive Board):

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Referred to Executive Board for Reconsideration at 2010 Delegates' Meeting.

(see attachment on page 22)

ADM 10-11 (Frank Camaratta, AL):

"Replace one member one vote method of selecting Executive Board members with original Blue ribbon Committee approved procedure as amended"

REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Corrected wording for DM09-51 should be:

(Frank Camaratta, AL) Replace the first sentence in Article IV, Section 2 by "There shall be 500 voting members apportioned among the states in proportion to their USCF membership as of May 31 of the prior year, except that each state with ten or more members shall have at least one voting member, each state with 100 or more members shall have at least two voting members, and each state with 300 or more members shall have at least three voting members. In addition, Executive Board members, Delegates at Large, and Additional Alternate Delegates shall be Voting Members.

ADM 10-12 (DM09-70, ADM 09-60) (Donna Alarie, MA; Ken Ballou, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL):

US Open Location: Prior to the closing of the nominations for the election of delegates for the 2011-2012 cycle, the USCF shall make every effort to establish the location of the US Open for the years 2011 and 2012 and to publicize same.

REFERRED TO US OPEN COMMITTEE

ADM 10-13 (DM09-71, ADM 09-61) (Larry Cohen, IL):

US Open. For any US Open of 11 or more rounds the requirement

of having a 1 round a day schedule is suspended. Thus, any US Open of 11 or more rounds can have 2 rounds on a weekend as part of its longest schedule.

REFERRED TO US OPEN COMMITTEE

ADM 10-14 (DM09-73, NDM 09-31) (Larry Cohen, IL)

Amend Article VI Executive Board Section 1 Composition by adding at the end: "All serving Executive Board members must have a current USCF membership. A one month lead way will be given for renewal." REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE

ADM 10-15 (DM09-74, NDM 09-32) (Frank Camaratta, AL; Frank Guadalupe, TX; and Tony Pabon, CA)

- 1) The Chairs of the Rules, Ethics and Scholastic Committees of the USCF be appointed as nonvoting members of the Executive Board.
- 2) The scope of these members is to act in an advisory capacity as oversight to the Executive Board on issues that are contrary to previous actions by the Board of Delegates or Committees or any issues that would be better served by referring to the appropriate committee for opinion or action.
- 3) The members so appointed will be subject to the Bylaws and the same confidentiality agreements as the elected members as required by the Bylaws.
- 4) This Delegate Motion is to be referred to the Bylaws Committee.

REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE

(Harold Winston, IL) Substitute: Appropriate Committees must be consulted before the Executive Board makes any new rules or regulations or decides any issues concerning scholastic chess, rules, or ethics." This could be a new Section F of Article VII or added to Art. VI sec.12.

COMMENT: If the Delegates wish to adopt such a restriction this is a way to do that without adding persons to the Executive Board.

NEW BUSINESS**ADM 10-16 (John McCrary, DAL-SC; Harold Winston, DAL-IL; Mike Nolan, DAL-NE, Bylaws Committee)**

The Delegates repeal the Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest that are numbered as follows on pp. 48-53 in the *2009 Delegates' Call*: 4, 8, 21, 31, 43, 49.

SPONSOR'S RATIONALE

The Delegate Actions given above have been superseded or mooted by subsequent changes in the USCF Bylaws or *Official Rules of Chess*; and/or have become inconsistent with subsequent policies or practices; and/or are no longer appropriate to current USCF needs. It is intended that the Bylaws Committee and/or workshop review this motion and make changes as needed before it reaches the Delegates' Floor.

ADM 10-17 (Bill Goichberg, NY, Executive Board Member; Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Replace **DACI 11** with **DM91-27** except that the words "the first five items are mandatory" should be replaced by "the first four items are mandatory" and item 5 relating to SASP should be eliminated as that program is obsolete and items 6-10 should be renumbered items 509. The text is found in Policy Board Newsletter 199101992 page 9 (see text below)

COMMENT: The current DACI refers to recommendations going back to 1980-81 which were superseded by the Delegates resolution that passed in 1991 except the DACI was not updated. **(Continued on page 23)**

RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHESS FEDERATION BOARD OF DELEGATES

WHEREAS, the United States of America Chess Federation (hereinafter, "USCF") desires to qualify as a tax exempt entity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3) in order to permit donations made to USCF to be tax deductible; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments must be made to the Articles of Amendment and Bylaws of USCF in order for USCF to qualify as a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt entity with the Internal Revenue Service, including and amendment to USCF's corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of USCF has voted to approve the following resolutions and has delivered these resolutions to the Board of Delegates for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Delegates has determined that it would be in the best interests of USCF to so amend its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and to seek 501 (c)(3) status.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to accomplish such purposes, the Board of Delegates of USCF adopts the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation of USCF be, and hereby is, amended such that it shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

"2. The object for which it is formed is to promote the study and knowledge of chess by educating the public, particularly secondary and elementary age students, about the game, art, science, sport and discipline of chess. To accomplish this purpose, the corporation may sponsor instructional programs in schools; conduct, sponsor or promote chess lessons, seminars and lectures; hold chess tournaments; produce publications for its members describing the Corporation's activities; encourage the formation of chess groups, clubs and associations; and support and promote chess related activities throughout the United States."

RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation of USCF be, and hereby are, amended such that the following Paragraph 6 and 7 shall be added to the Articles of Incorporation:

"6. The corporation, in furtherance if its corporate purposes above set forth, shall have all the powers enumerated in Section 103.10 of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986, as amended, subject to any limitations provided in the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986 or any other statute of the State of Illinois.

7. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, and no director, officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

(c) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Code, as amended, or participating in, or intervening in including the publication or distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office.

(d) In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the Corporation shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to another charitable organization operated for the advancement or teaching of chess, which organization is exempt under IRC §501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal government, or state or local government for a public purpose, subject to the approval or by order of a court of the State of Illinois.

(e) In any taxable year in which the Corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Code, as amended, the Corporation shall distribute its income for said period at such times and in such a manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Code, as amended, and the Corporation shall not (i) engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, as amended, (ii) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, as amended, (iii) make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, as amended, or (iv) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws."

RESOLVED, that subsection A of Section 2 of Article II of the USCF Bylaws shall be, and hereby is, amended such that it shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

"A. To operate exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended."

RESOLVED, that the [TITLE] of USCF be, and s/he hereby is, authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of USCF to execute and deliver the attached Articles of Amendment, substantially in the form attached hereto, to the Secretary of State of Illinois for filing;

RESOLVED, that the [TITLE] of USCF be and s/he hereby is, authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of USCF to work with the accountants and/or legal counsel for USCF to prepare the documentation necessary to qualify USCF as a Section 501(c)(3) entity and to file such documentation with the Internal Revenue Service;

RESOLVED, that [TITLE] of USCF be, and s/he hereby is, individually, authorized and directed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation to do and perform any and all such other acts and things, to sign or make such other agreements, certificates, instruments, notices, requirements, statements and other documents and communications, and to take or omit such other actions as s/he in his/her sole discretion may deem necessary or desirable in order to perform or otherwise satisfy, in whole or in part the requirements for the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, amendment of the Bylaws and to apply or qualify for status as a tax exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

ADOPTED, by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Delegates of USCF on August 7, 2010, at _____, Indiana.

_____, Secretary

Dated: August 7, 2010

(Continued from page 21 - ADM 10-17)

“DM91-27 (H. Hinshaw/Regions and States Workshop) Purpose: These **Duties and Responsibilities** are designed to offer criteria for the evaluation of how well a State Chapter is carrying out its responsibilities.

The first five items are mandatory and of special significance.

Each State Chapter should:

1. pay its affiliate membership when due and payable;
2. certify in writing to the USCF Secretary by the authorized date (November 1st) the state voting member(s) and alternate(s), who shall be USCF members, and report how they were selected (i.e., appointed, elected);
3. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual USCF rated State Championship;
4. have a formal organizational structure as laid out in bylaws or articles of association which includes but is not limited specifying the governing authority and their selection, meeting schedule and purpose of the State Chapter, and provide opportunities for membership and participation by all USCF members residing in the State;
5. appropriately request their SASP allocation to be paid to the State Chapter (or request it be held for future use);
6. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) annual USCF rated Scholastic State High School, Junior High or Middle School and Elementary School Championships;
7. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) other chess tournaments throughout the State and be involved in tournament coordination within the State and with the USCF Tournament Clearinghouse Representative. State Chapters are to support chess throughout the state and exhibit geographical representation in its tournament sponsorship. Examples include but are not limited to statewide or geographically rotating; Rated Beginner Open tournaments, weekend Swisses, tornados, quads as well as: participation in National Chess Day Activities, Regional and/or National Championships;
8. disseminate a periodical that serves as a State chess journal preserving a record of chess activities, promotion events, identifying state officers and, in general, providing a regular mechanism for communicating with its membership. Examples include but are not limited to: State Bulletins, Newsletters or Magazines;
9. promote and publicize chess activities through various media, including but not limited to newspaper articles, television and radio coverage, flyers or notices at libraries, schools and veteran hospitals. Examples include but are not limited to: chess exhibitions and simultaneous, tournaments, chess lectures, chess lessons, chess columns and articles in local and statewide newspapers, chess clubs and meeting lists and announcements; and
10. responsibly act in the best interests of its entire State Chapter membership, encouraging and promoting chess activity statewide. The State Chapter affirms its intention to comply with the duties and responsibilities of credentialed State Chapters.”

ADM 10-17A (Executive Board)

Move to refer ADM 10 17A to the State Committee for comment which incorporates the following into DM91 27 Duties and Responsibilities of State Chapter Affiliates. Replace #5 with the following:

“Use the USCF rating system for all rated state championship activity and encourage its use for all other rated chess activity in the state.”

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ADM 10-18 (Harold Winston, DAL-L; John McCrary, SC; Bylaws Committee)

Replace DACI 24 (distribution of committee reposts) by either one sentence: “Committee chairs with printed reports at the annual meeting must provide them to the Delegates” or delete DACI 24 entirely.

ADM 10-19 (Mike Nietman, WI) Revise Delegate Actions of

Continuing Interest #30 to read: **“30. U.S. Open Round Schedule.** No rounds of the U.S. Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. (2001)”

RATIONALE: The current DACI #30 begins by stating that the Delegates Meeting be held no later than the first full week of August. DACI #33 states that the U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15th. Since the Delegates Meeting is held the final weekend of the U.S. Open, these are inconsistent. Removing the first two lines of DACI: #30, removes the discrepancy.

ADM 10-20 (Larry Cohen, IL)

State Affiliate Duties:

1. AMEND for “an annual USCF rated State Championship” to read as follows:
State Affiliate shall run, organize, and/or sponsor an annual USCF rated state championship and an annual USCF rated state scholastic championship.
2. AMEND to include:
The State Affiliate shall have included in its Bylaws and/or Charter [i.e. Constitution] that one of the (many) purposes of the State organization is to promote chess to the general public. The State Affiliate should try to spell out some, if not all, of the means that it does/will use to achieve these ends. Should the State Affiliate fail to follow its own ‘ways and means’ in its Bylaws, Charter, and/or general statements (of actions and intentions); then sanctions can be imposed by the USCF upon the State Affiliate.
- 2A. ADD: Sanctions can include any or all of the following;
A written reprimand by the USCF, a flat fine [\$20 \$100] to be paid to the USCF, suspension of State Affiliate privileges [i.e. Such as the 1 free mailing list per year] received from/by the USCF, suspension of recognition as the State Affiliate, removal of status of being the USCF recognized State Affiliate. Any imposed sanction can be appealed by the State Affiliate to the USCF Executive Board for reduction or elimination. This list is not inclusive of all possible sanctions that can be imposed. It is suggested that there be a limit of 3 written reprimands within a 10 year period, and that after the 3 written reprimands [maximum] that fines be imposed.
3. ADD: Recognition and detailed rights of non resident members.
Each State Affiliate shall have established a membership category for non resident members for their organization. The rights and privileges of this membership category shall be clearly spelled out. Any proposed changes to the rights and privileges of this membership category shall require a 6 month notification prior to any vote taken on changing these rights and privileges. Each State Affiliate may set the rights and privileges of the “non resident” membership as they see fit, up to and including the exact same rights and privileges of resident members

RATIONALE: Just as the USCF is not only an adult or only a scholastic organization, so too should the USCF State Affiliates not be solely focused on only 1 area or level of chess within a state. Being a USCF recognized State Affiliate should mean that the State Affiliate will run at least 1 statewide tournament at both the adult and scholastic level that is USCF rated. As the State Affiliate is in some ways an extension of the USCF at the state level they should reflect some of the values that the USCF stands for; and so it seems reasonable to expect and insist that the State Affiliate include among their state goals the USCF mission of bringing chess to the general public. Currently there is no list of what measures the USCF can and/or will take against a State Affiliate in violation of USCF rulings. Such a list needs to be developed. Finally, recognizing that there has been occasion in the past over the issue of non resident State Affiliate members (and memberships) it is felt that it would be a good idea for State Affiliates to have a class of membership specifically for non resident members.

ADM 10-21 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Revised wording for **DM09-19** should be as follows: **DM09-19 (Harold Winston, IL, and 2009 Bylaws Committee)** Effective in 2011 modify Article V, section 6A to add to the first sentence:

“except that for each state, if Alternate Delegates are available to attend the Annual Board of Delegates Meeting, those Delegates who have not picked up their credentials by (9:30am/11:30am) of the first day of the Delegates meeting will be deemed to have

resigned as Delegates and the available Alternate Delegates will become Delegates per the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate gives advance notice of a delay in arrival by signed fax or e mail confirmed by telephone call to the USCF President or Secretary, such a Delegate or Alternate Delegate is not deemed to have resigned unless their credentials are not picked up by 11:30am of the first day of the Delegates meeting.

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COMMENT: The Bylaws Committee was divided on whether 9:30am or 11:30am of the first day of the Delegate meetings was the right time for the cutoff for picking up credentials.

ADM 10-22 (Executive Board)

Two year Regular Adult dues are priced at \$63 and three year Regular Adult dues are \$91.

ADM 10-23 (Donna Alarie, MA)

Closed meetings of the Executive Board

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD**Section 3. Meetings.**

Insert:

Section 3. Meetings.

The Executive Board shall meet in closed session solely for the discussion of personnel matters, pending contract negotiations, Ethics Committee and Rules Committee appeals and deliberations, Tournament Director Certification Committee decisions, and litigation issues. All other meetings shall take place in open session.

Whenever a quorum of Executive Board members meets to discuss any USCF business, it shall be considered to be a meeting and the bylaws applying to meetings shall be deemed applicable.

ADM 10-24 (Donna Alarie, MA)

Open Bidding Process

ARTICLE IX: SUNDRY BYLAWS

Insert:

Section 19. Contracts

Any contract, award for services, or employment opportunity which exceeds a potential monetary value of \$30,000 to the recipient shall first be advertised on the USCF website as well as in at least one issue of *Chess Life*. There shall be a formal request for proposals with a minimum of ten days for responses to be provided to USCF. (This process shall not include tournament hotel contracts)

The decision as to who shall be selected for these contracts shall be made by the Executive Director for USCF with the approval of the Executive Board. Contracts pertaining to this article must be co signed by both the Executive Director and the President of USCF.

ADM 10-25 (Donna Alarie, MA)

Governance Restructuring

ARTICLE IX: SUNDRY BYLAWS**Section 9. Encumbrance.**

Insert:

- C. The USCF rating system, *Chess Life Magazine*, and/or rights to the Books and Equipment Business contract of USCF may not be sold without approval of the Board of Delegates.
- D. No major reorganization of the governance structure of USCF may take place without approval by the Board of Delegates. This would include any plan which would divide the organization into two or more entities.

ADM 10-26 (Donna Alarie, MA)

Executive Board as Directors Bylaws Amendment (changes in italics and the text following in each section will remain intact). To take effect beginning with the annual meeting in 2011. Current Executive Board members shall be considered as already seated as part of the body of fourteen members during the initial transition phase.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD**Section 1. Composition.**

The Executive Board shall consist of **fourteen** members elected as *specified in Section 7 of this article. This board shall be the Board of Directors and is responsible for the management of USCF.*

RATIONALE: The legal ramifications of a Board of Directors which consists of over 125 directors who meet only once per year are inconsistent with USCF's best interests. It is virtually impossible to keep this large a body informed on all issues facing USCF's management on a regular basis. The fact is that the 125 delegates change throughout the year so that any attempts to discuss major issues are relegated to short soundbites in workshops once a year instead of comprehensive planning and discussion.

It is also not rational to expect Executive Board members to make decisions throughout the year based upon hours of discussion and hope that the delegates will understand all the issues involved in order to ratify those actions based upon the synopsis provided in workshops over a few days once a year.

The delegates need to become more of an oversight committee and allow the Executive Board to make the types of decisions that the Board of Directors would make in most other non profit organizations.

ADM 10-27 (Donna Alarie, MA)

Delegate Appointed Committees Bylaws Amendment

ARTICLE VII: OTHER OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND COMMITTEES**Section 3. Committees****A. The Board of Delegates shall appoint the following Standing Committees**

- 2) Bylaws Committee. The Board of Delegates shall appoint the Bylaws Committee chair.
- 4) Ethics Committee. The Board of Delegates shall appoint the Ethics Committee chair.
- 5) Life Member Assets Management Committee (LMAC). The Board of Delegates shall appoint the Life Member Assets Management Committee chair.
- 6) Finance Committee. The Board of Delegates shall appoint the Finance Committee chair.

The annual budget for USCF shall be created by the Finance

Committee with information provided by USCF's accounting department and the Executive Director of USCF as needed.

Upon completion and vote of the committee to approve the budget, it shall be forwarded to the Executive Board for input, review, and approval. The delegates shall be presented with the final product for input, review, and approval at the annual meeting.

- 7) International Affairs Committee. The Board of Delegates shall appoint the International Affairs Committee chair.
- 8) Ratings Committee. The Board of Delegates shall appoint the Ratings Committee chair.
- 9) Scholastics Committee. The Board of Delegates shall appoint the Scholastics Committee chair.

ADM 10-28 (Donna Alarie, MA)

Executive Board Member Elections Bylaws Amendment (additional text in italics)

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD**Section 5. Regular Elections.****A. Regular Elections**

Executive Board members shall be elected *via a two step process.*

The Voting Members shall vote to nominate Executive Board members through the election schedule described in Section 7 of this article.

Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be *nominated* to fill the available Executive Board positions.

At the annual meeting after receiving the results of nominations, the delegates shall elect the Executive Board members with preferential consideration given to those nominated by the general membership. However, the delegates shall not be required to elect only those nominated in the general membership election.

ADM 10-29 (Donna Alarie, MA)

Additional Executive Board Members Bylaws Amendment (additional text)

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD**Section 7. Terms of Office**

In addition to the above listed Executive Board members, each year, the members who are seated as chairs of the following committees, shall become Executive Board members effective at the conclusion of the Board of Delegates annual meeting:

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

ETHICS COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

LIFE ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RATINGS COMMITTEE

SCHOLASTICS COMMITTEE

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD**ADM 10-30 (Donna Alarie, MA)**

Removal of Executive Board Members Bylaws Amendment

Delete Article VI, Section 11. Recalls

Insert Article VI, Section 11. Removal of Executive Board Members

- A. Executive Board members may be removed with or without cause.
- B. An Executive Board member may be removed by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the votes present and voted in a meeting of delegates entitled to vote.
- C. Written notice of at least 60 days prior to such meeting must be delivered to all delegates. Such notice shall state that a purpose of the meeting is vote upon the removal of one or more directors named in the notice. Only the named director or directors may be removed at such a meeting.
- D. If the vote to remove is successful, it shall take effect immediately and a vacancy shall exist on the Executive Board.

ADM 10-31 (Governance Task Force, Joe Lux, NJ, Chair)

Resolved that the following section be substituted in the Bylaws, Article VI: Section 4 Nomination. Any USCF member not a current employee of the USCF is nominated for election to the Executive Board upon submission to the Election Committee of the following **by December 31 of the year before an election year:**

1. **A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of 50 or more Voting Members, of whom at least 25 shall be Delegates. The 25 Delegates must represent at least 10 different states.** A nominating petition listing more than one candidate is not valid.
2. A filing fee of **\$400** made payable to the USCF
3. A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and that they will serve if elected.

An employee of the USCF may not be nominated for election to the Executive Board. Currently paid contractors/consultants working as *Chess Life* Editor, Events Coordinator, or Computer Consultant may not be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board.

The Election Committee shall have advertised a call for nomination in the issue of *Chess Life* published no later than **July 20** of the year prior to an election year and shall publish a list of all duly submitted nominations in the issue published not later than April 10 of an election year.

Once a candidate is certified, the candidate may purchase labels of Voting Members at the same rate as affiliates. These labels may only be used for campaign purposes.

ADM 10-32 (Governance Task Force, Joe Lux, NJ, Chair)

Resolved that the following replaces Article VI, Section 11 in the Bylaws:

Section 11. Recalls

- A) The Delegates may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by a 2/3 majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a ¾ majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by 2/3 of the Delegates in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Delegates. Each signature on a recall petition must be dated and no signature can be dated more than five months before the date that the petitions are submitted to the USCF Secretary for validation.
- B) Recall of an elected Executive Board member may be initiated by petitions signed by 10% of the registered voters based on the number of registered voters at the end of the most recent fiscal year, i.e., May 31. The USCF Secretary shall have one week from the date the petition is received by the USCF Office to determine if a recall petition is valid. A recall may not be initiated on a Board Member during the last six months of that member's term

of office. Once a recall motion has been passed or a recall petition certified as valid, a recalled Executive Board shall be given 15 days to decide whether to resign or to be the subject of a recall election. If the recalled Executive Board member resigns, the recall motion or petition becomes moot upon the resignation of the board member.

- C) The recall motion must give the reasons for the recall in a total, motion plus reason, of no more than 500 words. The motion and reasons, together with an optional statement of no more than 500 words by the board member being recalled, shall be mailed by USCF to all registered voters along with the recall ballot.
- D) To be affirmed, the recall shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the registered voters participating in a recall election, such election to be held under conditions similar to those for regular or special Executive Board elections. Only voters who vote for or against the recall are considered to be participating. At least 500 Voting Members must participate in the recall election in order for the results to be valid. If the Board member being recalled is serving as the USCF Secretary, the Executive Board shall appoint another Board member to serve as the Secretary for the purposes of conducting the recall election.
- E) If the motion or petition recalling the Board member does not specify a date for the recall election voting to begin, the Executive Board shall schedule such an election to commence no more than 60 days after the recall motion is passed by the Delegates or the recall petitions are certified. The date for counting the votes in the recall election shall be no more than 35 days after the day that voting is expected to begin. Until the votes in the recall election are counted, the recalled Executive Board member retains all rights and privileges of a Board member. Once the recall votes are counted, if the recall is affirmed the Board member is immediately removed from the Executive Board and a vacancy exists on the Executive Board.

ADM 10-33 (Governance Task Force, Joe Lux, NJ, Chair)

Resolved that the following replace Article IV of the Bylaws:

ARTICLE IV VOTING MEMBERS

Section 1. Responsibility:

The Voting Members are responsible for electing the Executive Board. Information regarding nominees and voting instructions shall appear in an appropriate issue of *Chess Life* and on the USCF website.

Section 2. Definition:

All Delegates and Alternate Delegates are Voting Members. The following USCF members are also entitled to register as Voting Members:

- A) Life Members
- B) Gold Members (Those who have at least five consecutive years of membership, without lapse) who are age 16 or over as of June 30 of the election year.
- C) Members who voted in the 2009 or 2010 USCF Executive Board election.

Section 3. Registration:

Eligible members who are not already registered as Voting Members must register with the USCF office by March 31 to be eligible to vote in that year's regular election, except that all members who are elected as USCF Delegates, Alternate Delegates, or Executive Board members are automatically registered as Voting Members. There is no registration fee. Once registered, a member's status as a Voting Member continues as long as he or

she is a member. When a membership lapses, Voting Member status ceases and the member must, after rejoining, again register by March 31 to be eligible to vote in that year's regular election.

Section 4. Membership Requirement:

In order to vote in a regular election, registered Voting Members must be USCF members on May 5th of the election year, for the entire day Central Time.

Section 5. Special Elections:

1. The eligibility dates for voting in the election shall be part of the call for the special election and should use cutoff dates equivalent to the above based on when the ballots are expected to be received by the voting members.
2. The registration deadline for those not already registered shall be the same as the deadline for the submission of nominating petitions.

Section 6. Electronic Voting:

Should the USCF implement an electronic voting system as an alternate to using paper ballots, voting members who do not receive *Chess Life* by mail every month will only be entitled to vote using the electronic voting system unless they request a paper ballot by writing to the USCF office prior to May 1st for a regular election or the equivalent cutoff date for a special election.

ADM 10-34 (Executive Board)

The USCF bylaws shall be modified in accordance with the recommendation of our Illinois attorney regarding the composition of the Board of Directors.

ADM 10-35 (Leroy Dubeck, NJ-DAL; E. Stephen Doyle, NJ-DAL; Beatriz Marinello, NY-DAL; Timothy Redman, TX-DAL)

BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENT

Commencing with the 2010 2011 fiscal year (June 1, 2010 May 31, 2011) the USCF Executive Board is mandated by the Delegates each fiscal year to have Revenues exceed Expenses by at least \$100,000 as reported in the annual audit. The annual audit shall be completed and available to all Delegates no later than the July 31 following the conclusion of the preceding fiscal year on May 31.

Failure to provide the audit by the July 31 date, or the failure of Revenues to exceed expenses by at least \$100,000 as reported in the annual audit, will be deemed to have resulted in the immediate resignation of both the President and the Vice President of Finances from the Executive Board. The two vacancies shall then be filled by a secret ballot vote of the Board of Delegates at its annual meeting in August of that year.

If those two officers have completed their terms on the Executive Board, this provision is moot. If however they have completed their terms and have been reelected to the Executive Board they shall be deemed to have resigned and the Board of Delegates will immediately elect two people to replace them. If one person has been reelected one person will be elected by the Delegates. If new Executive Board officers are scheduled to be chosen that year, they shall be elected by the Board.

Justification for this ADM:

The USCF has been losing money year after year. The magnitude of the loss has been in part hidden from the delegates because each year there is included in Revenues about \$100,000 for "Life Member dues recognition." Only this money was spent long ago and no longer exists. Rather than argue that this should not be included in Revenue it is more straightforward to allow this misleading practice to continue since it is approved by GAAP (Generally accepted accounting principles) but correct for it by demanding that Revenue as calculated using GAAP exceed

Expenses by \$100,000 each year.

States and local governments must operate a balanced budget even in hard times. USCF must do the same or we will go bankrupt. In 1997 we had nearly \$1.7 million dollars in Life Member Assets. Now it is down to about \$400,000 unencumbered cash. USCF is in debt to banks and lawyers for more than the remaining cash in the Life Member Assets. We must force the Executive Board to focus on balancing the budget or we will go bankrupt. Thus this ADM has real teeth in it by removing any President and Vice President for Finance who cannot achieve a balanced budget.

ADM 10-36 (Joe Lux, NJ)

Resolved that the Board of Delegates has no confidence in the Executive Board.

ADM 10-37 (Harold Winston, IL-DAL; Tom Brownscombe, KS; Beatriz Marinello, NY-DAL)

The Delegates congratulate the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions on 25 years of success and recognize that the tournament is now a Heritage Event.

ADM 10-38 (Mike Nietman, WI; Stephen Shutt, PA; Elizabeth Shaughnessy, CA; Beatriz Marinello, NY-DAL)

Motion National Scholastic Championships

"The following USCF Scholastic Championships shall not be outsourced, sold or part of any contractual agreement with any third parties and any other organization without the prior review of the Scholastic Council and approval of the USCF Board of Delegates."

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC K-12 GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH-MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

SUPERNATIONALS

ADM 10-39 (Ken Ballou, MA)

The USCF office will acknowledge all applications for TD certification examinations within 10 (ten) days of receipt and will return a decision to the applicant within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application.

Rationale: Tournament directors perform a vital role in the USCF's mission by enabling rated tournament play. Often TDs are volunteers.

While the office staff is very busy and has many demands on their time, it is important to extend to applicants the courtesy of a prompt reply.

ADM 10-40 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Rating supplements will be available to tournament directors and affiliates at least seven (7) days before the ratings therein become official.

ADM 10-41 (Tim Just, IL; Steve Immitt, NY)

Motion: 14H reinstatement

Moved that effective 1/1/11, rule 14H, plus it's TD Tips, as they appear in the 5th edition of the rule book and as amended as of 8/7/09 shall replace the current rule 14H and include amendment **Variation 14H6: No Claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death.** No claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death will be allowed. This variation does not need to be announced in advance.

DISCUSSION: By replacing the current rule 14H, passed by the Delegates on 8/9/09 and reinstating the old rule 14H which

includes the new variation 14H6, the process of applying a “no losing chances” claim becomes more flexible for both the TD and the player.

ADM 10-42 (Michael Atkins, VA, Executive Board Member; Tim Just, IL, TDCC Chair; David Kuhns, MN, Rules Chair)

The current rule 28T is to be replaced by the following revision:

28T: FIDE title and rating tournament. When tournaments where FIDE norms or titles can be earned all FIDE **PAIRING** rules and regulations should be observed.

TD TIP: Making minor variations to pairings and rules for the sake of gaining FIDE titles and ratings norms is not advised.

ADM 10-43 (Michael Atkins, VA, Executive Board Member)

Several years ago, the practice of directors playing in National events was prohibited. The problem of Directors playing in their

own events continues to be an issue with both the appearance and fact of impropriety having happened. To avoid any appearance of impropriety in pairings, rulings and judgments in other games affecting a playing TD’s status, and with the reality that the more money that is involved the more potential problems.

It is moved that Directors of Grand Prix events cannot play in their own event.

Friendly amendment. If the above ADM fails then:

It is moved that Directors of Grand Prix events of more than 10 points cannot play in their own event.

INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

GOLD & SILVER AFFILIATES

Gold Any affiliate that has submitted at least 50 USCF memberships during the current or previous calendar year, or is the recognized State Affiliate, is eligible to become a Gold Affiliate. Gold Affiliates are honored in a special list in larger type in Tournament Life each month, giving the affiliate name, address, phone number, email address, and website. Gold Affiliate on costs \$350 per year, and existing affiliates may subtract \$3 for each month remaining on the regular affiliate, or \$20 for each month remaining on the Silver Affiliate. **As of August 6, 2007, by paying an annual payment of \$500 (instead of \$350), Gold Affiliate status may be obtained with no minimum requirement for memberships submitted.**

Silver Any affiliate that has submitted at least 25 USCF memberships during the current or previous calendar year, or is the recognized State Affiliate, is eligible to become a Silver Affiliate. These affiliates will be recognized in a special list in Tournament Life each month, giving the affiliate name, state, and choice of either phone number, email address, or website. Silver Affiliate on costs \$150 per year, and existing affiliates may subtract \$3 for each month remaining on the regular affiliate. **As of August 6, 2007, by paying an annual payment of \$250.00 (instead of \$150), Silver Affiliate status may be obtained with no minimum requirement for memberships submitted.**

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Silver Affiliates

Chess Center of New York (NY)
www.chesscenter.cc

Indiana State Chess Association
www.indianachess.org

Long Island Chess Nuts (NY)
516-739-3907

Marshall Chess Club (NY)
www.marshallchessclub.org

Michigan Chess Association
www.michess.org

Oak View Chess Club (CA)
714-848-4377

Oklahoma Chess Foundation
www.OKchess.org

Orange Crush Chess Club (IN)
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Sparta Chess Club (NJ)
www.spartachessclub.org

Bylaws of the United States of America Chess Federation

Includes all changes passed at the 2009 Annual meeting

Article I: Name

The name of the corporation shall be the United States Chess Federation (USCF) also known as the United States of America Chess Federation, commonly known as US Chess.

Article II: Purposes

Section 1.

The purpose of the Federation shall be educational and instructional, to broaden and develop chess as art and recreation, as a significant element of culture in America. The Federation shall cooperate with schools, colleges, hospitals, military bases, community centers, recreation departments, and other groups and institutions, in teaching chess, conducting tournaments, and other activities. The Federation shall disseminate information through its publications and representatives, and the Federation shall select the official USA representatives in all international chess affairs. The Federation shall encourage and support chess programs for handicapped individuals and the participation of handicapped in chess activity, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by handicapped individuals in all chess competition.

Section 2.

The Federation is pledged:

To operate exclusively for educational, recreational, and social welfare purposes;

That no part of its contributions, dues, or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, except that trophies or prizes awarded in the course of its educational and promotional program shall not be so construed;

That the Federation is not operated for profit and that neither principal nor income of any of its funds may be used in any attempt to influence legislation;

To promote the study and knowledge of the scientific game of chess;

To foster the development of players and to help those who

seek to become masters;

To encourage the formation of chess groups, clubs, and associations;

To hold a tournament no less often than once every two years for the Chess Championship of the United States and to confer upon the winner of such tournament the title "United States Chess Champion";

and

To hold an open tournament every summer in the United States.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Adult Memberships.

Any person may become an Adult (also known as Regular) Member of the Federation upon payment online of \$34 for one year, \$52 for two years or \$74 for three years, or a Premium Adult (also known as Premium) Member upon payment online of \$42 for one year, \$78 for two years or \$113 for three years. If paid by mail or phone, each of these amounts is \$7 additional.

Section 2. Young Adult Memberships.

Any person under 26 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Young Adult Member of the Federation upon payment of \$24 for one year, \$43 for two years or \$61 for three years, or a Premium Young Adult Member upon payment of \$32 for one year, \$59 for two years or \$85 for three years.

Section 3. Youth Memberships.

Any person under 17 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Youth Member of the Federation upon payment of \$20 for one year, \$36 for two years or \$51 for three years, or a Premium Youth Member upon payment of \$27 for one year, \$49 for two years or \$70 for three years.

Section 4. Scholastic Memberships.

Any person under 14 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through

a USCF affiliate) may become a Scholastic Member of the Federation upon payment of \$16 for one year, \$28 for two years or \$39 for three years, or a Premium Scholastic member upon payment of \$23 for one year, \$42 for two years or \$60 for three years.

Section 5. Senior Membership.

A person who has passed his or her 65th birthday may become a Senior Member of the Federation upon payment online of \$36 for one year, \$65 for two years or \$93 for three years. If paid by mail or phone, each of these amounts is \$7 additional.

Section 6. Special Membership.

A blind person, or any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution in the United States, may become a Special member of the Federation for \$18 for one year.

Section 7. Family Membership Plans.

FAMILY PLAN 1: \$70, includes parents and their children under age 24 in the household living at one address. Also includes any full time college students up to age 24.

FAMILY PLAN 2: \$44, includes all children under age 24 in the household living at one address.

The spouse of a Life or Sustaining member may be included in the Family Membership Plan, however in that case, only the Life or Sustaining member will receive *Chess Life*.

Section 8. Life Memberships.

Any person may become a Life Member of the Federation upon payment of \$1,500 dues. Any person age 65 years or older may become a Life Member upon payment of \$750 dues. Any blind person may become a Life Member upon payment of \$375 dues. The Federation may require reasonable confirmation of eligibility from time to time as a continuation of Life membership.

Section 9. Affiliate Commissions.

There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Youth, Scholastic, Young Adult, Family, Sustaining, and Life Memberships. There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Adult and Senior memberships paid by mail or phone.

Section 10. Promotional Memberships.

In order to facilitate the development of membership promotion, the Executive Board may authorize special promotional membership terms and rates for limited periods of time to determine their feasibility by trial; such terms and rates shall be subject to review annually by the Board of Delegates.

Section 11. Rights and Privileges.

Each Premium, Premium Young Adult, Senior, and Special member shall be entitled to receive a monthly paper copy of *Chess Life*. Each Premium Youth membership shall be entitled to receive a paper copy of *Chess Life* every other month. Each Premium Scholastic member shall be entitled to receive a bimonthly paper copy of *Chess Life for Kids*. Each Regular, Young Adult and Youth member shall be entitled to receive a bimonthly paper bulletin, as well as (if providing an e mail address) a password enabling access to the online version of *Chess Life* magazine. Each Scholastic member shall be entitled to a paper bulletin issued each four months, as well as (if providing an e mail address) a password enabling access to the online version of *Chess Life for Kids* magazine. Each Family Membership shall provide one hard copy *Chess Life* to the household, plus one hard copy *Chess Life for Kids* if any Family Member is under 14. Each member shall be entitled to have his or her tournament play officially rated, to participate in the Annual Membership meeting, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of member

ship not herein enumerated. Members and Affiliates with mailing addresses outside the United States may be charged an additional fee to cover extra costs.

Section 12. Revocation of Membership.

The Executive Board, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 13, may revoke or suspend the membership of any member for good cause. The USCF Ethics Committee may recommend suspending or revoking the membership of any person by applying the procedures established by the Board of Delegates in the USCF Code of Ethics.

Section 13. Revocation of Membership or Affiliation.

In the event that the Executive Board shall revoke or suspend the membership of an individual or affiliate pursuant to Article III, Section 12, or Article VIII, Section 5, it shall, prior to taking such action, give to the individual or affiliate 30 days written notice of the proposed action. Within said time said individual or affiliate may submit in writing to the Executive Board reasons why such actions should not be taken. The Executive Board may thereafter, if it sees fit, act upon the written suggestion or set a date for a hearing to be held at or prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Federation, but before the meeting of the Board of Delegates. Any person or affiliate aggrieved by any action of the Executive Board may appeal to the Board of Delegates at the said Annual Meeting if the action is taken at the said meeting, or at the next meeting of the Board of Delegates. The Board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the action of the Executive Board. Only Delegates present in person may vote on any such appeal. If the Ethics Committee recommends the suspension or revocation of a member through application of the USCF Code of Ethics, the appeals procedure established in the Code of Ethics shall be applicable, and the remaining provisions of this section shall not be applicable to that case.

Section 14. Annual Membership Meeting.

The President shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the membership, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open tournament, for the purpose of hearing reports and making suggestions to the Board of Delegates. Twenty five members present in person shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary shall publish in *Chess Life* advance notice of the meeting. Participation and voting by members at the Annual Membership Meeting shall be limited to those members physically present. Participation through the use of conference telephone or other communications equipment shall not be permitted.

Article IV: Voting Members

Section 1. Responsibility.

The Voting Members are responsible for electing the Executive Board. An insert containing nominees and voting instructions shall be inserted in an appropriate issue of *Chess Life*.

Section 2. Definition.

Any USCF Member who is 16 years old or older by June 30th of an election year is a Voting Member, providing that person was a current member on May 5th for the entire day Central time. For a Special Election, the eligibility dates for voting in that election shall be part of the call for the special election and should use cutoff dates equivalent to the above based on when the ballots are expected to be received by the voting members.

Should the USCF implement an electronic voting system as an alternative to using paper ballots, voting members who do not receive *Chess Life* by mail every month will only be entitled to vote using the electronic voting system unless they request a paper

ballot by writing to the USCF office prior to May 1st for a regular election or the equivalent cutoff date for a special election

Article V: Board of Delegates

Section 1. Responsibility.

The Board of Delegates is responsible for the management of the USCF. It shall formulate general policy, adopt the annual budget, and write the Bylaws.

Section 2. Number.

The Board of Delegates shall be composed of the Executive Board members, the Delegates at Large, and 125 Delegates, apportioned among the states in proportion to their resident USCF membership as of May 31 of the year prior to Delegate elections, except that each state with thirty or more members must have at least one Delegate. Each state with 1,000 or more USCF members must have at least two Delegates. In addition, any Executive Board member elect who is not already a Delegate becomes a Delegate immediately upon certification of the election result.

Section 3. Alternate Delegates.

There shall be 125 Alternate Delegates, with each state having one Alternate Delegate for each Elected Delegate. All Life Voting Members under previous editions of these Bylaws shall automatically become Additional Alternate Delegates if they are not elected as Delegates.

Section 4. Selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

State Chapters shall designate the initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates for their states, as provided for in Article V, Sections 2 and 3, submitting the Delegates and Alternate Delegates in ordered lists. State Chapters must designate their initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, by November 1 of that year, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The term of each Delegate shall commence on January 1 for the year for which selected and continue for one year and thereafter until a successor is selected.

Section 5. Miscellaneous

A. VACANCIES.

If one or more Delegates and higher ranked Alternate Delegates from any state are not present or are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, they can be replaced by Alternate Delegates only if the Delegates and higher ranked Alternate Delegates resign in writing. The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list for that state for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates, providing the persons added at that time reside in the state being represented or in a state adjacent to it.

If a Delegate dies or resigns during the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled for the duration of the term of office in accordance with the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate moves from the state of residence, that person shall be deemed to have resigned as Delegate unless the State Chapter indicates otherwise.

Vacancies in the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the term, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter.

If no Delegates or Alternate Delegates are elected by a state, vacancies exist which can be filled by the State Chapter.

B. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AS DELEGATES.

Any Executive Board member who completes his or her term without re election to the Executive Board, remains a Delegate until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates in the year following the completion of the Board term, except that if he has Delegate status for that period under another provision of these Bylaws, this provision shall not apply. Any former Executive Board member receiving Delegate status by the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not be a Delegate on the ordered list of any state, and shall not be replaced if he dies or resigns the position.

C. USCF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT.

To serve as a Delegate, an individual must have a current membership as of the first day of the Delegates' Meeting.

D. CURRENT USCF EMPLOYEES MAY NOT SERVE AS DELEGATES.

USCF employees are accorded the right to speak at the annual Delegates' Meeting.

Section 6. Annual Meeting.

The President shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the Board of Delegates, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open tournament, for the purposes of hearing annual reports, installing officers, and considering other USCF business. A quorum shall consist of one third of the whole Board of Delegates present in person. The Secretary shall publish in *Chess Life* advance notice of the meeting and shall mail to each Delegate, between thirty and forty days before the Annual Meeting, a notice of the meeting and an agenda. Only those certified as Delegates, including any Alternates who have been elevated to Delegate through the death or resignation of a Delegate, may submit motions for the advance agenda. Motions not having a Delegate present as a sponsor or co sponsor when reached in the meeting shall be deferred to the end of the meeting. Chairs of Delegate or Executive Board appointed committees may submit motions on behalf of their committees. Sponsors are encouraged to add their rationale to Advance Delegate Motions. Participation via the use of conference telephone or other communications equipment shall not be permitted.

Section 7. Special Delegates Meeting.

Special Delegates meetings can be called by the President or by more than half the members of the Executive Board. Notice of a meeting and its purposes and an agenda must be sent by mail to all delegates and alternate delegates at least 30 days before the meeting. Additional notification may be provided by e mail or FAX. The notice and agenda shall also be placed on the USCF website at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The special Delegates meeting has authority to act upon advance agenda items but does not have the authority to take action unrelated to the advance agenda items.

All Executive Board members shall have at least 7 days advance notice before the notice of the meeting is sent. Items can only be placed on the advance agenda by the President or any two Executive Board members.

A quorum shall consist of one third of all Delegates and Delegates will be certified in the same manner as at the Annual Delegates Meeting.

If the meeting notice so provides, the meeting can take place by teleconference at advance designated sites announced in the call of the meeting. Delegates must be present in person at a meeting site.

Section 8. Delegates at Large.

Delegates at Large shall consist of the following:

- A. All USCF Presidents who have served at least two consecutive years, upon completion of their term and are so elected by

a majority vote of the Board of Delegates.

B. Those individuals who have rendered distinguished service to chess and who are elected by at least a 3/4 vote of the Board of Delegates at two consecutive Annual Meetings by a motion on the advance agenda for both meetings. The number of individuals in this category shall not exceed twenty.

The term of the Delegates at Large shall commence at the Annual Meeting at which they achieve Delegate at Large status and continue for three more Annual Meetings. A Delegate at Large whose term is expiring or has expired may be elected to a new term.

Section 9. Additional Delegates.

The USCF Membership Meeting may elect up to 5 Additional Delegates for a term of one year expiring at the start of the next Membership Meeting from persons who are present and have previously served as Delegates in at least one of the last five years.

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 1. Composition.

The Executive Board shall consist of seven members elected for staggered terms of four years. The Executive Director serves as a non voting member of the Executive Board, with the right to debate and make motions, but without the right to vote. All Executive Board members are national officers of the USCF. No Executive Board member may be a full time or part time salaried or hourly USCF employee except for the USCF Executive Director serving as a non voting member.

Section 2. Functions.

The Executive Board shall manage the affairs of the Federation, including employment and other contracts, between meetings of the Board of Delegates and shall perform other duties as specified in these Bylaws. The Executive Board shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Delegates, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Board of Delegates. The Executive Board's direction to the staff shall generally be given by the USCF President.

Section 3. Meetings.

The Executive Board shall meet at least twice per year, the day and place to be fixed by vote of that Executive Board. Special meetings, including conference telephone calls or Internet conference meetings, may be called by the President or upon the written request of any three members of the Executive Board. Reasonable efforts to notify all Executive Board members of the meeting shall be made by mail, fax, telephone, e mail, or other means approved by the Executive Board. The Minutes of all Executive Board meetings shall be posted on the USCF website within six weeks of each meeting. Delegates and Alternate Delegates may receive printed copies of Minutes upon request and upon payment of a reasonable fee, set by the Executive Director, sufficient to offset the printing and mailing costs of such printing and mailing. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the elected members of the Executive Board present in person or participating in a conference telephone call or Internet conference meeting. The affirmative votes of at least three different Executive Board members will be required to approve any action, as long as there are at least four members on the Executive Board.

All meetings of the Executive Board, including conference calls, shall be recorded in their entirety with a clear, permanent record by a means determined by the Executive Board. All Executive Board members shall receive copies of any audio tapes or video tapes of meetings within two weeks of those meetings. Any person wishing to obtain copies of audio tapes may do so at cost. The

public portion of the permanent record will be available on the website within a month of the meeting record.

Executive Board votes may be taken by e mail provided at least five days are allowed for discussion. As soon as all Executive Board members vote, or the five days have passed, the Board vote is official.

Section 4. Nomination.

Any USCF member not a current employee of the USCF is nominated for election to the Executive Board upon submission to the Election Committee of the following by January 10 of an election year:

1. A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of thirty or more Voting Members. A nominating petition listing more than one candidate is not valid.
2. A filing fee of \$250 made payable to the USCF
3. A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and that they will serve if elected.

An employee of the USCF may not be nominated for election to the Executive Board. Currently paid contractors/consultants working as *Chess Life* Editor, Events Coordinator, or Computer Consultant may not be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board.

The Election Committee shall have advertised a call for nominations in the issue of *Chess Life* published no later than November 20 of the year prior to an election year and shall publish a list of all duly submitted nominations in the issue published not later than April 10 of an election year.

Once a candidate is certified, the candidate may purchase labels of Voting Members at the same rate as affiliates. These labels may only be used for campaign purposes.

Section 5. Elections

A. REGULAR ELECTIONS.

Executive Board members shall be elected by the Voting Members. At the discretion of the Executive Board, ballots for that purpose shall either be mailed directly or included in an issue of *Chess Life*, and mailed prior to June 10. The Election Committee shall, by January 31st of an election year, select the time and place for the counting of the ballots. The ballot instructions shall include this information plus other election regulations. For a special election, the time and place shall be determined prior to issuing the call for the special election. Electronic voting may be used in addition to the ballot in *Chess Life*. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. The ballot shall list all duly submitted nominations. Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. The ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent agency, and counted by an independent agency, or by the Election Committee, or by tellers appointed by the Election Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. Ties, if any, shall be broken by a secret ballot vote of the Delegates present in person at that year's Delegates meeting, taken at the time that election results are certified.

B. SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

The Election Committee will decide the schedule for a Special Election for the Executive Board, using the deadlines and dates for a regular election as a guide for scheduling reasonable intervals for announcing the special election and calling for nominations, the date for candidate petition filings and the date for mailing the ballots via *Chess Life* or direct mail. The requirement for candidate statements and election supplements may be reduced to having this information in a single issue of *Chess Life*. The Board may choose to waive any

filing fees for a Special Election.

C. The Election Committee shall, by January 31st of an election year, select the time and place for the counting of the ballots. The ballot instructions shall include this information plus other election regulations. For a special election, the time and place shall be determined prior to issuing the call for the special election. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of voting member information to be provided with or printed on the ballots. All properly authenticated ballots that have been received by the date designated for counting the ballots shall be counted. The Election Committee shall designate an address for the return of ballots at the time the date of counting ballots is set.

Section 6. Election of Executive Board Officers.

At an organizational meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Delegates' Meeting at which regularly scheduled Executive Board election results are certified, the Executive Board shall elect among itself the following officers: President, Vice President, and Vice President for Finance. The term of each officer shall be for two years, except that upon a vote of 2/3 of its membership, the Executive Board may at any time meet in person or by teleconference and elect new officers. A vacancy in the office of President shall be immediately filled by the Vice President. A vacancy in another office elected by the Executive Board shall be filled by majority vote either temporarily until the Executive Board meeting following the next Delegates' Meeting or for the full unexpired portion of the officer's term as the Executive Board shall choose. The office of Secretary should not be an elected office, but rather the Executive Board should designate a person to fulfill the functions of the Secretary.

Section 7. Terms of Office.

The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and effective with those elected in the 2011 regular election shall continue for three years, except as provided in Section 9 of this article and in the implementation schedule in this article. The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for two years, except that the term of an officer who leaves the Board after one year would expire. No individual shall serve more than eight consecutive years on the Executive Board. No person shall serve as USCF President more than four consecutive years.

For the purpose of implementation of the terms of this Section, the following will apply to those elected in the 2011 regular Executive Board election and thereafter. The terms of those elected prior to the adoption of this implementation schedule will be observed as they were defined by the Bylaws at the time of their election.

2011: Three Executive Board members will be elected to three year terms.

2013: Four Executive Board members will be elected, with the top two to receive three year terms, and the next two to two year terms.

2014, 2017, etc. Three Executive Board members are elected to three year terms.

2015, 2018, etc. Two Executive Board members will be elected to three year terms.

2016, 2019, etc. Two Executive Board members are elected to three year terms.

Section 8. Duties

President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, Board of Delegates, and Executive Board; carry out all requirements of these Bylaws, represent the Federation officially

on occasion, and report annually to the Board of Delegates.

Vice President. The Vice President shall execute the duties of the President when the President is unable to serve and perform such other duties as are assigned by the Executive Board or the President on its behalf.

Vice President for Finance. The Vice President for Finance shall obtain records of the financial affairs of the Federation, report to the Board of Delegates, and counsel and assist the Executive Board on financial affairs. The Vice President for Finance shall review and have the right to comment on all financial reports, including all financial information presented in interim and annual reports, prior to publication and release.

Members at Large. Members at Large of the Executive Board shall have such other duties as are assigned by the Executive Board or by the President on behalf of the Executive Board or as prescribed by these Bylaws.

Section 9. Vacancies.

If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, the Executive Board may decide to fill the vacancy by a Special Election in accordance with Art. VI, Section 5B. If two or more vacancies occur, the Executive Board will instruct the Election Committee to hold a Special Election in accordance with Section 5B.

Section 10. Candidate statements and advertising.

Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to a 150 word statement plus photo in the issue of *Chess Life* published no later than April 10 of the election year. Election supplements shall accompany or be inserted in issues of *Chess Life* published no later than May 10 and June 10 of the election year. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to one half page of space in each election supplement. The purchase of additional campaign space in the election supplements or other USCF publications is prohibited. Any candidate for the USCF Executive Board who has been convicted of an adult felony in the U.S. must disclose that fact in their *Chess Life* statement. The Candidate will be allowed an additional 100 words in the candidate's statement in their first statement in *Chess Life* for this purpose. Failure to disclose a felony (conviction) would be grounds for immediate recall.

Any candidate for the USCF Executive Board who is currently a party against the USCF in a lawsuit must disclose that fact in their *Chess Life* statement. Failure to disclose such a lawsuit would be grounds for immediate recall. The candidate will be allowed an additional 50 words in the candidate's statement in their first candidate's statement in *Chess Life* for this purpose.

Section 11. Recalls.

A.) The Delegates may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by a 2/3 majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a 3/4 majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by 2/3 of the Delegates in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Delegates. Each signature on a recall petition must be dated and no signature can be dated more than five months before the date that the petitions are submitted to the USCF Secretary for validation.

B.) The voting Members may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by petitions signed by 10% of the voting membership based on the membership numbers at the end of the most recent fiscal year, i.e., May 31. The USCF Secretary shall have two weeks from the date the petition is received by the USCF office to determine if a recall petition is valid. A recall may not be initiated on a Board Member during the last four months of that member's term of office. Once a recall motion has been passed or a recall petition certified as valid, a recalled Executive Board

member shall be given 15 days to decide whether to resign or to be the subject of a recall election. If the recalled Executive Board member resigns, the recall motion or petition becomes moot upon the resignation of the board member.

C.) The recall motion must give the reasons for the recall, for which will be published in *Chess Life* exactly once, along with an optional statement of no more than 500 words from the board member being recalled. These statements shall appear in the issue of *Chess Life* closest to when the voting in the recall election begins.

D.) To be affirmed, the recall shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Voting Members participating in a recall election, such election to be held under conditions similar to those for regular or special Executive Board elections. At least 1,500 Voting Members must participate in the recall election in order for the results to be valid. If the Board member being recalled is serving as the USCF Secretary, the Executive Board shall appoint another Board member to serve as the Secretary for the purposes of conducting the recall election.

E.) If the motion or petition recalling the Board member does not specify a date for the recall election voting to begin, the Executive Board shall schedule such an election to commence no more than 120 days after the recall motion is passed by the Delegates or the recall petitions are certified. The date for counting the votes in the recall election shall be no more than 52 days after the day that voting begins. Until the votes in the recall election are counted, the recalled Executive Board member retains all rights and privileges of a Board member. Once the recall votes are counted, if the recall is affirmed the Board member is immediately removed from the Executive Board and a vacancy exists on the Executive Board.

Section 12. Restrictions.

Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as paid USCF employees, paid consultants or as vendors of goods or services to the USCF during their actual tenure on the Executive Board and for a period of one year after the board service ends.

Except as noted below, this shall not affect a board member's ability to organize or direct USCF rated events or to serve as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as the chief TD of USCF National events during their tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends. Elected members of the Executive Board may not be awarded the bid to serve as the organizer of a USCF national event (or as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate serving as the organizer of a USCF national event) during their actual tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends unless the agreement to serve as the organizer of that national event was signed prior to that person's becoming a candidate for election to the Executive Board. State chapter and not for profit Affiliates with Board members who are also on their board are exempt from this restriction. In unusual circumstances, elected Executive Board members may be assigned tasks dealing with day to day operations of the USCF. No compensation for these tasks beyond the reimbursement of direct out of pocket expenses may be paid.

An Executive Board member who is a party to litigation or arbitration filed by that Executive Board member against the USCF or by the USCF against that Executive Board member, shall abstain from voting on any action concerning the litigation or arbitration, shall have no right to be present during any portion of an Executive Board meeting in which the litigation or arbitration is discussed, and shall have no right to access attorney client or work product privileged information concerning or relating to that litigation or arbitration, regardless of whether the litigation or arbitration is still pending.

Unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law, each member of the Executive Board waives any right to file a lawsuit (including but not limited to a lawsuit seeking a jury trial) against the USCF, the

USCF Executive Board members or USCF employees, and must instead submit a mandatory arbitration to be conducted by the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration award will be final and binding upon the parties to that arbitration. The location of any such arbitration shall be solely in the city in which the USCF is headquartered at the time of filing of the arbitration notice.

Section 13. Website Access.

Executive Board members and candidates for the Executive Board are subject to the same rules, restrictions and sanctions as other USCF members with regards to information posted by them on the USCF website, such as in the USCF Forums. This includes the option of temporarily or permanently banning an EB member or candidate from posting. The Elections Committee may, at its discretion and convenience, post all candidate statements as they appear in *Chess Life* on the USCF website.

Section 14. Nepotism.

No two or more individuals may serve on the Executive Board concurrently who share one or more of the following relationships:

1. One is the direct descendant of the other.
2. They are spouses or partners in a civil union.
3. They are siblings, by birth, marriage, or adoption.
4. They are adopted children and parent or stepparent and stepchild.

Article VII: Other Officers, Appointees, and Committees

Section 1. Officers appointed by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall appoint an Executive Director and a Publications Director. The Executive Board shall also give approval to the hiring of a chief financial officer (CFO) by the Executive Director. The office of Secretary should not be an elected office, but rather the Executive Board designates a person to fulfill the functions of the Secretary.

A. Secretary.

The Secretary shall review Minutes of all Executive Board meetings, Delegates' meetings, and Membership meetings. The Secretary shall post these Minutes, after Executive Board review, on the USCF website within six weeks for each meeting and shall mail the Minutes to all the Delegates and Alternate Delegates who request such mailing and pay a printing and mailing fee, set by the Executive Director, sufficient to offset the costs of printing and mailing. Printed copies of the Minutes of the Membership Meeting and Delegates' Meeting of the previous year, and of all Special Delegates' meetings and Executive Board meetings held thereafter, shall be available at the Delegates' meetings. The Executive Board shall determine a means of recording all meetings. The Secretary shall act as the custodian of the corporate seal, ensure that the annual report is filed with the Secretary of State of the state of Illinois, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Bylaws.

Section 2. Duties of Appointees.

The duties of Officers appointed by the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and other Executive Board appointees shall be set forth in written memoranda by the Executive Board. Copies of said memoranda shall be added to the minutes for dissemination to the Delegates.

Section 3. Committees.

A) The Board of Delegates shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

1) AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Audit Committee shall consist of four persons; the Vice President for Finance as a non voting member and three members elected by the delegates from among the delegates and alternate delegates who are knowledgeable in accounting matters such as (but not limited to) a certified public accountant (CPA), a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) or someone who has substantial experience in the public or private sectors. No other member of the Executive Board may be a member of the Audit Committee.

The duties of the Committee shall be:

- a) To advise the EB on the appointment of the External Auditors, the audit fee, the provision of any non audit services by the External Auditors and any questions of resignation or dismissal of the External Auditors.
- b) To discuss, if necessary, with the External Auditors before the audit commences the nature and scope of the audit.
- c) To discuss problems and reservations arising from interim and final audits and any questions the External Auditors may wish to discuss (in the absence of management, where necessary.)
- d) To consider and advise the EB on the establishment of the internal audit service and Head of Internal Audit, if any.
- e) To review the internal audit plan, to consider major findings of internal audit investigations and management's response and to promote coordination between the Internal and External Auditors and to advise the EB and the Delegates accordingly.
- f) To keep under review the effectiveness of internal control systems and, in particular, review the External Auditors' Management Letter, the Internal Annual Report and management responses and to advise the EB accordingly.
- g) To monitor the performance and effectiveness of external and internal audit.
- h) To consider, if necessary, the draft of the Audited Financial statements.
- i) To monitor annually or more frequently, if necessary, the implementation of approved recommendations arising from internal audit reports, external audit reports and management letters and to advise the EB accordingly.
- j) To oversee arrangements made by the Executive Board for the internal audit service and the External Auditors to examine the agency wide financial statements.
- k) To advise the Executive Director, as requested.
- l) To report, as appropriate, to the Executive Board.
- m) To advise the Delegates as requested and to report, as appropriate, to the Delegates.

2) BYLAWS COMMITTEE.

The Bylaws Committee shall choose its own chair.

3) ELECTION COMMITTEE.

The Election Committee shall consist of 4 members appointed by the Delegates. Alternate members may also be appointed who would replace any member of the committee who resigns or otherwise leaves the committee. The committee is responsible for the conduct of and shall preside over Federation elections. No member of the Election Committee may be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board during his or her service on the Election Committee or may campaign on behalf of or make an endorsement for or against any candidate for the Executive Board. The Committee shall choose its own Chair.

4) ETHICS COMMITTEE.

The Ethics Committee shall choose its own chair.

5) LIFE MEMBER ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LMAC).

The LMAC is responsible for managing the Life Member Assets. The LMAC shall consist of the Vice President for Finance plus up to eleven other members elected by the Delegates. The LMAC shall choose its own Chair and may appoint other committees to assist it in its work.

B) The Delegates may appoint any other committees as needed. The Executive Board may appoint such subcommittees of the Board or committees as it deems appropriate.

C) Except as provided elsewhere, in the event of a vacancy on a Delegate appointed Committee, the committee and Executive Board may appoint a replacement. Such appointment requires a 2/3 majority of each of the remaining committee members and the Executive Board.

D) No individual member can chair more than one of the following committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, or LMA.

E) No individual other than the VP for Finance can serve on more than two of the following committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, or LMA.

Section 4. Counsel.

Legal Counsel shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section 5. Eligibility.

None of the National Officers (including members of the Executive Board and Executive Director) shall be officers of other sports organizations recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as a national governing body.

Article VIII: Organizational Units.**Section 1. State Chapters.**

Every state (the District of Columbia being treated as a state for all Federation purposes and Northern and Southern California being treated as separate states for all Federation purposes) shall be entitled to have an affiliate designated as the State Chapter, provided that any state having more than 5,000 members may have two state chapters divided along geographical lines. Credentials of affiliates applying for designation as State Chapters submitted before June 1 shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates with recommendations, if any, one month before the next Annual Meeting. Credentials submitted after June 1 shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates one month before the Annual Meeting of the following year.

Section 2. Functions.

Each State shall guide the chess activity within the state in a manner that provides representation to all groups of chessplayers within its state. Each State Chapter shall nominate Delegates and Alternate Delegates as provided in Article V Section 4 of these Bylaws. Each State Chapter shall fulfill other responsibilities as the Board of Delegates may from time to time designate.

Section 3. Affiliates.

Any organization of chessplayers may affiliate with the Federation upon payment of the fee of \$40 per year. Any organization of chessplayers who are exclusively scholastic players may affiliate with the Federation as a Scholastic Affiliate upon payment of the fee of \$40 per year. Any organization of chessplayers who are incarcerated in a penal institution may affiliate with the

Federation as a Prison Affiliate upon the payment of the fee of \$15 per year. Affiliation does not constitute the affiliate as an agent of the USCF for any purpose.

Section 4. Rights and privileges.

Each affiliate shall:

- (a) receive a subscription to *Chess Life*;
- (b) be entitled to conduct USCF rated tournaments in accordance with USCF tournament rules;
- (c) be privileged to issue Federation memberships per Article III above, and to collect and forward to the USCF headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom.

Section 5. Revocation.

The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 13, revoke or suspend the affiliation of any affiliate for good cause shown.

Article IX: Sundry Bylaws

Section 1. Authority.

These Bylaws have been adopted by the Delegates under the authority of the charter issued to the United States of America Chess Federation by the State of Illinois.

Section 2. Amendment.

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates present at an Annual or a Special Delegates' meeting except that any proposal not specifically included in the Delegates' advance agenda shall require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

Section 3. Office.

The registered office of the Federation shall be at such address in the State of Illinois as is designated by the Executive Board.

Section 4. International Affairs.

The Federation is the official USA unit of FIDE and shall be represented officially in all FIDE affairs by a Permanent Delegate appointed by the Executive Board.

Section 5. Publications.

Chess Life, a periodical, or its successor publication, is designated an official publication.

Section 6. Fiscal period.

The Fiscal period shall be the year ended May 31.

Section 7. Fund Depositories and Disbursements.

All funds, other than Life Member Assets, shall be deposited in one or more federally insured depositories, or other vehicles approved by the Executive Board, disbursable only by withdrawal authorized by two or more of the following: President, Vice President for Finance, Executive Director, and such senior staff as the Executive Board shall designate. The Executive Board may authorize petty cash accounts, whose amounts may not exceed \$500.00, and disbursable only by check signed by one of the above, or any two employees approved by the Executive Board.

Section 8. Accountants.

Early in each fiscal year the Executive Board shall engage properly qualified independent certified public accountants to review the Federation's accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The choice of accountants shall be subject

to ratification by the Board of Delegates.

Section 9. Encumbrance.

A.) No asset of the Federation may be encumbered without the approval of the Executive Board or Board of Delegates, except as provided in Section 10 below, and any mortgage, loan, or borrowing agreement must be signed by at least two of the following: President, Vice President for Finance, Executive Director.

B.) Any land and/or buildings, owned by the USCF cannot be sold, encumbered, liened, or mortgaged, in any fashion, without approval by the Delegates at a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, except as provided in Section 10 below.

Section 10. Life Member Assets Management.

Borrowing from or encumbering from LMA is possible only when:

1. The Executive Director certifies that there is a need for such borrowing,
2. The Executive Board approves of the borrowing, and
3. A majority of the Life Member Asset Management Committee approves of such borrowing.

Section 11.

The Federation will publish an annual report within four months of the end of the fiscal year. The report will contain, among other things, a complete presentation of the audited financial statements.

Section 12. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Each member of the Board of Delegates, national officer (hereinafter "officer"), and employee of the corporation now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all claims and liabilities to which he or she has or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such director, officer, or employee or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken, omitted, or neglected by him or her as such a director, officer, or employee; and the corporation shall reimburse each such person for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any such liability, provided, however, that indemnification shall be limited to cases in which such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal act or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; and provided further, however, that as a member of the Board of Delegates such a person shall only be indemnified for his or her acts or omissions at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Board of Delegates and not for any local or other activities.

To the extent that a director, officer, or employee of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, or in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

Any indemnification against any and all claims (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, or employee, is proper in the circumstances because he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Such determination shall be made (A) by the Board of Delegates by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit, proceeding, or claim, or (B) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal

counsel in a written opinion.

The right of indemnification herein above provided for shall not be exclusive of any rights to which any director, officer, or employee of the corporation may otherwise be entitled by law, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, or employee, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

The corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, or employee, or agent of the corporation, against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this article.

Section 13. Ratification of Voidable Acts.

Any transaction questioned in any suit brought by any member on the grounds of lack of authority, defective or irregular execution, adverse interest of any director, officer, employee, or member, nondisclosure, miscomputation, or the application of improper principles or practices of accounting may be ratified before or after judgment by the Board of Delegates and, if so ratified, shall have the same force and effect as if the questioned transaction had been originally duly authorized, and said ratification shall be binding upon the corporation and its members and shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned transaction.

Section 14. Reliance on Records.

Each officer, member of the Board of Delegates, or employee shall in the performance of his or her duties be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or reports made to the corporation by any of its officials, or by an independent

Certified Public Accountant, or by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board of Delegates, or in relying in good faith upon other records of the corporation.

Section 15. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be used at all meetings of the membership, Board of Delegates, Executive Board, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules which have been adopted.

Section 16. Eligibility for International Competition.

Eligibility criteria for international competition may not be more restrictive than the eligibility criteria established by the internationally recognized Chess Federation.

Section 17. Non-Discrimination.

Participation in chess shall be open to athletes, coaches, trainers, team captains, managers, seconds, and analysts without discrimination.

Section 18. National Tournament Directors as USCF Employees.

For purposes of the bylaws, a tournament director at a National Tournament who is not already a USCF employee shall not be considered a USCF employee.

Section 19. Severability.

If a court of competent jurisdiction shall hold a portion of these Bylaws to be invalid, the remainder of the Bylaws not so held invalid shall remain in full force and effect.

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NEW FREE TLA CATEGORIES ADDED!

RUN AN ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT THIS FALL!

Each affiliate is entitled to one TLA per month of up to 8 lines and up to 2 issues of *Chess Life*, for any tournament between October and December 2010, if no TLA for such an event appeared in 2009, and the TLA is e-mailed by the appropriate deadline. The 8 free lines cannot be applied to longer TLAs.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES QUALIFY FOR FREE TLAS!

Each affiliate is entitled to one TLA per month of up to 8 lines for events in the following categories, if submitted by e-mail. The free lines cannot be applied to longer TLAs:

NEW CATEGORY! SENIOR. For age 50 or above, or a higher minimum age.

NEW CATEGORY! UNRATEDS FREE. Any tournament that offers free entry to unrated players. If your prizes are based on entries, say "paid entries."

USCF BOOSTER TOURNAMENT. A tournament that offers at least two USCF membership renewal prizes, or a quad that offers at least one per section.

CHESS CLUB SPECIAL. A tournament playing only on

one or more weekday evenings.

RBO. Open to Under 1200/Unr or Under 1000/Unr. Tournament name must include "Rated Beginners Open" or "RBO."

BLITZ. Time control of Game/5. TLAs such as "USCF-rated Blitz every Friday 7 pm" are accepted.

COLLEGIATE. A tournament limited to college students.

JUNIOR. For age 20/below (age 20 must be eligible).

NON-SCHOLASTIC WITH SCHOLASTIC. A tournament for all ages held concurrent (same location) with a scholastic tournament that in its previous year drew at least 50 players. We encourage organizers of scholastics to hold open or collegiate events on the side.

SPECIAL RATES FOR CLUB ADS. Up to 5 lines \$180 per year, \$100 for 6 months for unchanged club ads in the TLA section. Announce meeting dates & times, activities, contact info, etc.

USCF DISCUSSION GROUPS. See www.uschess.org/forums for four groups: Tournament Organization, Chess Club Organization, Tournament Direction, USCF Issues.

Ages 21-24 dues lower than Adult dues!

The membership category once called "Youth" has been renamed "Young Adult," and eligibility has changed from under 21 to under 25. **Annual dues for this category are only \$32 with paper *Chess Life* or \$24 with the online version!**

One-year membership with *Chess Life*:

If purchased online at uschess.org, now only \$42 for Premium Membership, which includes a copy of *Chess Life* every month. Regular Memberships are available for \$34 and give online-only access to *Chess Life* and a mailed *TLA Newsletter* (bi-monthly). (Note to affiliates: If you collect a \$49 membership, you may submit it online to USCF for \$42, in effect creating a \$7 commission. If you submit it by mail or phone the affiliate commission is \$3.)



Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest

1. **Sites of USCF-Sponsored Tournaments.** Since the U.S. Chess Federation is open to all players, regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, or national origin, and is interested in promoting chess among all groups, all tournaments sponsored by USCF are to be conducted at sites accommodating the right to play of all USCF members. (1960)
2. **Tournament Coordination.** The USCF shall exert its influence through Officers to coordinate and schedule sanctioned tournaments sponsored by regional or state chess organizations (without conflict of time and place). (1964)
3. **Speed of Rated Games.** Any change in the speed of rated games requires approval by the Board of Delegates. (1971)
4. **Meeting Information.** USCF Delegates shall be informed well in advance of the Annual Meeting of Board of Delegates of any substantive matters known to be on the advance agenda for the Delegates Meeting.
5. **Rating Lists and Supplements.** The Executive Board is required by the Delegates to publish annually the ratings of active players and to make available by download a bi-monthly or monthly Supplement. By request any member or affiliate who wishes to pay may receive a copy of the supplements via mail at cost. (1972)(2002)(2006)
6. **Annual U.S. Championship.** It is the intent of the Board of Delegates that a U.S. Championship be held annually. (1972) (1982) (1983) (1997)
7. **Adjournments at U.S. Opens.** In the U.S. Open, the players shall not be compelled to adjourn if both players and the tournament director agree to play on for one more time-control period.
8. **Executive Board Minutes.** Approximately four times per year, the Secretary shall mail to the Delegates copies of the minutes and records of all votes of the Executive Board held during the period. (1973)
9. **Unfinished Delegate Business.** All motions not acted on by the Delegates at the Annual Meeting that deal with matters which the Executive Board can act on under the Bylaws, shall be acted upon by the Board. These actions shall be reported in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and at the next year's Delegates Meeting. (1978) Motions limiting the Executive Board or disagreeing with the decisions made by the Executive Board shall automatically retain their place on next year's Delegates Agenda. (1980)
10. **Smoking.** Tournaments which prohibit smoking in the playing room of a USCF-rated tournament shall be so indicated in the Tournament Life Announcement in *Chess Life*. Smoking is prohibited at the following National Tournaments: U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior Open, U.S. Class. There shall be no smoking permitted in any contract areas of all national scholastic tournaments. (1998)
11. **State Chapter Recommendations.** For the text of these recommendations on State Chapters, see *Policy Board Newsletter #4* of 1980-81.
12. **USCF Regions.**
 - I. MA, CT, RI, NH, ME, VT
 - II. NY, NY
 - III. PA, MD, VA, WVA, DE, DC
 - IV. FL, GA, NC, SC
 - V. OH, MI, IN, KY
 - VI. MN, WI, ND, SD
 - VII. IL, MO, IA, NE
 - VIII. TN, AL, LA, MS, AR
 - IX. CO, UT, KS, WY
 - X. TX, OK, NM
 - XI. SCA, NCA, AZ, NV, HI
 - XII. WA, OR, ID, MT, AK
13. **Paid Tournament Directors at National Tournaments.** No Executive Board member shall serve as the paid TD of more than one USCF National Tournament or International Tournament during a calendar year unless the same opportunity has been declined by all non-members of the Executive Board who are qualified to direct the tournament. (1975) No Executive Board member shall be awarded a paid directorship or concession at a National Tournament on which he/she participated in the award vote, except in the case of an uncontested bid. An Executive Board will not be restricted in the number of awarded paid directorships or concessions received at any National Tournament when the award vote and the acceptance of a paid directorship or concession for the National Tournament occurred before the Executive Board member was elected to office. (1984, 1993, 1994)

14. Teller's Procedures. Unless some independent agency handles the election, provision shall be made to allow the tellers to properly fulfill their duties unencumbered by the burdens of a large-scale public meeting.

15. Tournament Cancellation. Tournaments announced in *Chess Life* may not be cancelled unless the cancellation notice appears in *Chess Life*. Cancellations which occur too late to appear in *Chess Life* are permitted only if it is physically impossible to hold the tournament (for example, in the case of extreme weather conditions). Cancellations for any other reasons without notice are not permitted. Disappointing advance entries do not constitute a valid reason for cancellation. Organizers violating this rule shall be prohibited from listing their tournaments in "Tournament Life" or advertising in *Chess Life* for 3 years. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. (1979) (2002)

16. Chess Life.

GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION.

The goal of Chess Life shall be to promote the United States Chess Federation and chess in the United States and the world. Chess Life shall be the journal of record of chess play in the U.S.

As the Federation's most important means of communication to its members, and as the Federation's most visible service, the magazine should be as attractively and professionally produced as resources allow, making use of photography, artwork, cartoons, and other graphic devices, as warranted.

Mindful of our members and potential members, the wide range of playing strengths and interests represented therein, and our overall goal, Chess Life should present a comparable range of subject matter. Instructional analysis (aimed at a variety of skill levels), correspondence chess, reader opinion, non technical (i.e., historical articles, fiction) and human interest material (i.e., interviews), rules changes, national and international news, and providing coverage of international, national, and regional events, are suggested, but do not delimit areas of concentration.

Consistent with our stated goal, advertising in Chess Life is a service to readers as well as a significant source of revenue. The editor and publisher (Executive Director) will be responsible for ensuring that the overall advertising content in Chess Life and subject matter are appropriate. The editor and publisher, in their best judgment, have discretion to refuse any advertisement.

COMPOSITION OF CHESS LIFE.

The following items shall be required *Chess Life* content:

Chess Life should provide a regular section for announcements of upcoming tournaments. This Tournament Life section should be well organized, informative, and as helpful as possible in order to encourage participation in USCF rated events, particularly USCF titled events, Grand Prix events, and American Classic events.

In contested elections to the Executive Board, Chess Life shall publish a campaign statement of up to 110 words for each candidate in the July issue.

The January issue of Chess Life shall contain an annual rating list for over the board players.

The April issue of Chess Life shall be the yearbook issue, containing general information about the USCF and about chess governance and activity in the U.S. Suggested content includes, but is not limited to, such things as names and addresses of significant individuals and organizations, top and busiest lists, and historical data.

RESPONSIBILITY.

Journalism is a public trust which is best served by the protection of the public interest and the preservation of the credibility of the publication. The reader's right to know is best served when given accurate and complete, unbiased, and factual reporting. Opinion must never be confused with fact.

Criticism must be supportable by factual evidence. The purpose and nature of such criticism must be demonstrably in the public interest and not serve merely to harass or discredit. Fairness dictates that a person whose actions are criticized must be given the timely opportunity to explain those actions or reply to the criticism, although practical considerations may not permit concurrent response.

The editor is hired by the USCF Executive Board. The editor will be accountable to the publisher for the performance of his duties in a timely, responsible, and professional manner. The performance of the editor, with respect to the stated goal of Chess Life, will be subject to periodic review by the Executive Board. (1991)

YEARBOOK

(Annual Yearbook in Chess Life).

The Annual Yearbook be restored to either March, April, or May issue of Chess Life. (2001)

DELEGATE INFO

(*Chess Life* Publication).

The issue of *Chess Life* that appears in the March, April, or May shall contain the names and contact information of current USCF Delegates and Alternate Delegates. (2001)

- 17. Free Membership to Grandmasters and Woman Grandmasters.** USCF memberships shall be awarded upon request to International Grandmasters, including Women Grandmasters, when it is determined by the Executive Director that a player is registering with FIDE as an American player; or when an American player is awarded the title by FIDE. (1980, 1991)
- 18. Profits from Scholastic Tournaments.** Any profits generated by National Scholastic Tournaments that are earned by USCF will be retained by USCF and earmarked for Scholastic Chess. (1998)
- 19. Calling the Question.** At USCF Delegates meetings, the practice of a speaker calling the question immediately after speaking to the merits of a motion shall not be permitted. (1993)
- 20. Review of DMs.** At every Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board shall review the resolutions passed by the last annual Delegates' meeting to make certain those resolutions are being enforced. (1993)
- 21. Supplemental Motions.** All supplemental motions presented to the Delegates that are printed and received before the Delegates meeting contain a rationale or discussion by the sponsor, limited to 50 words. (1993)
- 22. Choosing Committees.** It is the sense of the Delegates that committee chairmen shall be fully consulted prior to selection of committees and there shall be continuing consultation concerning committee membership and work through the liaison. (1994)
- 23. Presenting Committee Reports.** All annual committee reports not published in the annual report will be presented to the Delegates after the published committee reports have been presented to the Delegates and will be limited to a ten-minute presentation. (1994)
- 24. Distributing Committee Reports.** All printed committee reports

distributed at the Delegates meeting shall be offered to all Delegates who express an interest in the reports before copies are left unattended for general pickup. No reports may be left unattended until after the committee presentation to the Delegates has been completed. The presentation is to include mention that the printed reports are available and copies are to be handed to any Delegate that asks for them. (1994)

- 25. **Investment of Life Membership Assets.** The LMA Committee shall establish an investment policy that is expected to produce an aggregate return equaling or exceeding 6% on its invested assets (excluding the USCF office building). (2002)
- 26. **Personnel.** All Board-approved changes to employee compensation will be subject to a vote of the full Board and the vote will be recorded in open session. The text of any Board-approved change to employee compensation will be recorded as a confidential BINFO item.

Any Board-approved change to an employee incentive plan must be finalized no later than 90 days after the plan has been approved. Any Board-approved employee contract must have the signature of no fewer than one officer and one other Board member. Board-conducted employee reviews must be discussed and written before presented. (1997)

- 27. **Standards of Conduct for the USCF Executive Board.** The USCF Board of Delegates establishes the following standards of conduct for Executive Board members in the performance of their duties:

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Members of the USCF Executive Board have responsibilities of the highest order for the promotion of chess and for stewardship of the resources of the USCF. In the execution of these responsibilities, they are expected to act lawfully and in accordance with USCF policy, and to adhere consistently to the principles of fairness, honesty, and respect for the rights of others. They are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the performance of all duties, contributing thereby to maximum effectiveness in the achievement of the goals of the USCF.

(1) Executive Board members are expected to contribute to the functioning of the Board as a cohesive unit, with information flowing comfortably among all its members. Actions that interfere with comfortable and open communication among all Board members should be avoided.

(a) All Board members have the right to receive all information pertinent to the making, monitoring, and implementation of USCF policy. Board member(s) should not withhold full and accurate information from other Board members, when that information is relevant to Board decisions or potential decisions. Where decision-making authority has been given to a specific officer by the Board or the Bylaws, that officer must keep all Board members fully and accurately informed of all decisions made and factors influencing those decisions.

(b) All Board members have the right to be involved in the determination of all Board decisions. A Board majority has no authority except as a majority vote within the context of a properly called Board meeting. Board decisions must result from discussions in which all Board members have had the opportunity to participate.

(c) Board members are responsible for contributing to constructive communication within the Board. Board members are responsible to communicate directly with each other whenever there is misunderstanding or ill will, making strenuous efforts to resolve the issue amicably through such communication, before making the dispute public.

(2) The Executive Board is responsible for conducting business in

an efficient, constructive, and open manner.

(a) All actions taken by the Executive Board must be consistent with the Bylaws of the USCF, and with all policy established by the USCF Board of Delegates.

(b) Executive Board members must respect the dignity of all persons in all statements and actions. Any derogatory and/or sarcastic statements attacking an individual in a personal manner, or intended to bring scorn or ridicule on an individual, shall be considered out of order at any and all times in an Executive Board meeting, whether in open or closed session. Any angry and heated exchanges in a Board meeting should be considered out of order. The Chair of the meeting shall be responsible for promptly ruling such utterances out of order, or any member may raise a point of order to that effect. Personal differences must be privately resolved without disturbing the efficient conduct of USCF business in a Board meeting.

(c) A closed session should be held only when the best interests of the USCF are definitely served by doing so. Examples of when closed sessions are proper would include the discussion of matters that are legally sensitive, issues involving sensitive negotiations, or matters in which the privacy rights of any individual may be at risk. Closed sessions should not be scheduled to permit the airing of heated or derogatory comments, which should be out of order in any meeting discussion, or to avoid the necessity of Board members' dealing with unpopular issues publicly. The Board may invite other persons into the closed session if such persons possess special information or expertise needed by the Board, but a certified Executive Board candidate who is not currently on the Board should not be included in a closed session unless all Board candidates present at the meeting are also invited.

(d) Board members should be sensitive to the feelings of volunteers and staff members whose names may be mentioned, or whose work may be criticized, during Board discussion.

(e) All Board members must strictly observe confidentiality of closed sessions. In the case of a conference call, the Board members must clearly understand what portions of the call are considered open or closed, for the purpose of determining what information in the call must be considered confidential.

(f) When appointed by the Delegates, the USCF Ethics Committee may consider an allegation by any USCF member that an Executive Board member has committed significant violations of this code of conduct. The Ethics Committee may, if it determines that such violations have occurred, either warn the Board member or recommend actions, such as recall of the member, to the Board of Delegates in accordance with the Bylaws of the USCF. (1997)

28. The Code of Ethics of the United States Chess Federation.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. The purpose of this code of ethics is to set forth standards to which the conduct of players, tournament directors, sponsors, and other individuals and entities participating in the affairs of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), including tournaments and other activities sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF, should conform; to specify sanctions for conduct that does not conform to such standards; and to specify the procedures by which alleged violations are to be investigated and, if necessary, the appropriate sanctions imposed.

2. The standards, procedures, and sanctions set forth in this code of ethics are not equivalent to criminal laws and procedures. Rather, they concern the rights and privileges of USCF membership, including, but not limited to, the privilege of participating in tournaments, events, or other activities as a member of the USCF.

3. The standards, procedures, and sanctions set forth in this code of ethics shall apply only to: (a) actions and behavior by members of the USCF that occur in connection with tournaments or other activities sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF; and (b) individuals and entities acting in an official capacity as officers or representatives of the USCF. Each member of the USCF and each participant in a USCF activity shall be bound by this code of ethics.

THE USCF ETHICS COMMITTEE

4. The USCF Ethics Committee is appointed in accordance with procedures consistent with the Bylaws of the USCF. The committee exists to consider allegations of unethical conduct at or in connection with events sanctioned by the USCF, and allegations of unethical conduct involving the USCF and its activities, in accordance with the standards and procedures contained in this code. The committee will exercise all other duties as may be assigned by the Bylaws or by action of the USCF Board of Delegates.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

5. The actions and behavior of individuals participating in USCF activities, or in events sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF, shall be lawful and in accordance with all USCF rules and regulations, and consistent with the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for the rights of others. The following is a list of examples of actions and behavior that are considered unethical. The list is not intended to be exhaustive, and any action or behavior that is unlawful or violates USCF rules and regulations, or is inconsistent with the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for the rights of others, may be considered to fall within the scope of this code of ethics.

(a) Intentional violations of tournament regulations, or of any other regulations pertaining to USCF activities and goals, particularly after being warned.

(b) Cheating in a game of chess by illegally giving, receiving, offering, or soliciting advice; or by consulting written sources; or by tampering with clocks; or in any other manner.

(c) Deliberately losing a game for payment, or to lower one's rating, or for any other reason; or attempting to induce another player to do so. Deliberately failing to play at one's best in a game, in any manner inconsistent with the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, or fair play.

(d) Deliberately misrepresenting one's playing ability in order to compete in a tournament or division of a tournament intended for players of lesser ability; players with foreign ratings are expected to disclose those ratings.

(e) Participating in a tournament under a false name or submitting a falsified rating report.

(f) Participating in a tournament while under suspension.

(g) Purposely giving false information in order to circumvent or violate any rule or regulation or goal recognized by the USCF.

(h) Attempting to interfere with the rights of any USCF member, such as by barring someone from entering a USCF-sanctioned event for personal reasons. Generally, no individual should be barred from a USCF-sanctioned event for which he or she meets the advertised qualifications, without appropriate due process, and for behavior inconsistent with the principles of this code and/or the rules of chess. If a ban on future participation is imposed, the individual should be notified of the ban prior to his attempting to appear at future events.

(i) Violating federal, state, or local laws while participating in activities that are associated with the USCF.

PROCEDURES

6. Any USCF member may initiate procedures under this

code of ethics by filing a complaint in a timely manner with the USCF Ethics Committee. In the case of any accusation that does not fall clearly under the "Standards of Conduct" above, the Ethics Committee shall have the authority to decide whether the alleged conduct is within the scope of the code of ethics. In the case of each alleged violation that is within the scope of the code of ethics, the following steps shall occur in a timely manner:

(a) A factual inquiry shall be made by the Ethics Committee, assisted as necessary by the USCF staff. Previous findings of the Ethics Committee or other USCF entities may be included among the evidence considered by the Ethics Committee, if relevant to the circumstances of the present case. As a part of such an inquiry, any person accused of unethical conduct shall have the right to examine the evidence against him or her, the right to respond to the accusation, and the right to produce written evidence in his or her behalf.

(b) Appropriate sanctions, if any, shall be recommended by the Ethics Committee. In recommending sanctions, the Ethics Committee may consider any previous ruling or finding of the Ethics Committee, or other USCF entity, pertaining to the past conduct of the person being sanctioned. In recommending sanctions, the person being recommended for sanctions must be informed. Any person against whom sanctions have been recommended shall be promptly notified.

(c) Except as specified in 6(e) recommended sanctions shall be deemed final unless appealed to the Executive Board by the person or persons upon whom the sanctions have been imposed, or upon the initiative of any member of the Executive Board. Such an appeal must be made within 30 days of the date that notification of recommended sanctions occurred, except that the Executive Board may extend the deadline for appeal if in its judgment an unavoidable delay in communications or other valid cause prevented a timely appeal. If an appeal has not been filed by the deadline the recommended sanctions shall be placed into effect.

(d) Upon appeal, a review of the facts and the appropriateness of the recommended sanction shall be undertaken by the Executive Board. The person against whom the sanction has been recommended, as well as the person filing the initial complaint, shall be given notice of the time and place the Executive Board will review the case. The person against whom sanctions have been recommended shall have the right to appear before the Board and present evidence. In all appeals the recommended sanctions imposed by the Ethics Committee shall not be in effect until the appeal hearing is completed. The recommended sanctions shall be either confirmed, modified, or revoked by the Executive Board.

(e) If the person against whom sanctions have been recommended is a member of the USCF Executive Board, he or she may not appeal the sanctions to the Executive Board, but may appeal to the USCF Board of Delegates at its next scheduled meeting.

(f) If any member of the Ethics Committee or of the USCF Executive Board has a conflict of interest of any kind that might preclude objective participation in the consideration of any case, that person may not act in the capacity of a committee or board member on the case.

SANCTIONS

7. The following are some of the sanctions that may be imposed as a result of the procedures specified above. In unusual cases, other appropriate sanctions may be imposed, or these sanctions may be varied or combined.

(a) Reprimand. A determination that a member has committed an offense warranting discipline becomes a matter of record, but no further sanction is imposed at the time. A

reprimand automatically carries a probation of at least three months, or longer if so specified. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during the probation, he or she is then liable to further sanctions for both offenses.

(b) Censure. A determination that a member has committed a serious offense warranting discipline becomes a matter of record, but no further sanction is imposed at the time. Censure automatically carries a probation of at least one year, or longer if so specified. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during the probationary period, he or she is then liable to further sanctions for both offenses.

(c) Suspended sentence with probation. A determination is made that the member has committed an offense warranting discipline. When the discipline is imposed and execution thereof suspended, such suspension shall include probation for at least six months longer than the discipline imposed. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during this period, unless otherwise decreed, the original discipline shall be added to such new discipline as may be imposed for the new offense.

(d) Suspension. Suspension is a determination that the member has committed an offense warranting abrogation, for a specified period of time, of all membership rights and privileges.

(e) Expulsion. Expulsion is a determination that a member has committed an offense warranting permanent abrogation of all membership rights and privileges. An expelled member may be readmitted to membership only by the USCF Executive Board or by the USCF Board of Delegates.

(f) Exclusion from events. This is a more selective determination that a member has committed an offense warranting abrogation of the right to participate in certain specified events or activities.

8. If the person being sanctioned is a member of the USCF Executive Board, the Ethics Committee may recommend no sanctions other than censure or reprimand, but may also recommend to the Board of Delegates other actions.

9. In the case of every sanction that involves suspension or expulsion, a member may not hold any office in the USCF or participate in any capacity in any event or activity sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF.

10. The USCF Business Office shall be informed in writing of all official recommendations by the Ethics Committee, and shall record any recommendations. The USCF Business Office shall inform the Executive Board of any sanctions recommended.

29. FIDE Policy. The U.S. Chess Federation adopts the following position:

The U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) endorses the concept of a strong world organization of chessplayers, which supports a system of competitions for the strongest players in the world culminating in a valid world championship. The USCF also firmly embraces the principles of freedom of action and freedom of speech that are the foundation of the American way of life. In accordance with these principles, the USCF adopts the following position with respect to the FIDE Commerce proposal as it has been presented:

1. The USCF cannot accept any regulation that limits journalistic freedom or freedom of expression for any individual, or interferes with the efforts of free enterprise to promote chess. The USCF cannot recognize a censure, boycott, sanction, or other restrictive or punitive action that contradicts our principles of freedom of action, speech, or the press, or that is imposed for behavior that does not violate the USCF's Code of Ethics.

2. The USCF must reserve the right to recognize or withhold recognition of any world championship event or title, in accordance with the principles established by our Board of Delegates regarding the validity of the world

championship title. The USCF endorses the principle of compromise in helping to bring about a universally accepted world championship.

3. The USCF endorses working toward a more logical program of high-profile tournaments and toward cooperative Internet ventures, and might be willing to consider entering contractual arrangements toward those ends. Questions of open accounting and of legitimacy of funding must be addressed prior to any such arrangement and as part of any such arrangement.

4. The USCF considers that conflict-of-interest issues must be satisfactorily addressed in any plan to grant economic interest in any venture to any person or organization within FIDE, or any organization affiliated with FIDE, or to give voting rights to any individual or organization whose financial gain would be affected by the exercise of such voting rights.

5. The USCF considers that any plan to be put into effect must have the approval of the FIDE General Assembly and must not be inconsistent with the principles in this position statement.

6. The USCF Delegate or representative to FIDE is instructed to act in accordance with this motion.

30. Delegate Meeting Dates. The Delegates meeting will be held no later than the first full weekend of August. This requirement is in effect for all U.S. Opens for which dates had not been set as of August 2000. (2000)

No round of the U.S. Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. (2001)

31. EB Transcripts and Minutes. The following procedure was adopted for the documentation of the proceedings of Executive Board meetings:

1. The Secretary or his or her designee shall prepare Minutes based upon the documentation of motions in the transcripts of the meeting and submit them to the Executive Board for comments, corrections, and/or suggestions.

2. The Secretary or his or her designee shall consider the comments made by the Executive Board and may revise the Minutes where appropriate. Any deviation from the transcript must be indicated with an explanation and a reference to the transcript. The transcript must be available concurrently.

3. The transcript of all Open session meetings are to be posted on the USCF website as soon as practical, so that anyone who has any questions can access the basic documentation for all motions and can access Open session discussions that are not likely to be in the published Minutes. Since any motions made in Closed session must be voted in Open session as well, the Open session transcripts will be sufficient to document all motions.

4. The transcripts are to include all Open session activity. The stenographer must record everything until the meeting is actually adjourned. No motions are to be voted on the absence of the stenographer. If it is not on the Open session transcripts it did not happen! (2000).

5. Whenever content is intentionally edited out of a complete recording or transcript of an Executive Board meeting a note must accompany the file that explains what was removed and why. (2007)

32. Binfo System. In the interest of both history and accountability, the Board information (BINFO) system should be maintained and used in the following manner:

1. The Executive Board and Executive Director will place documents relating to their decisions and discussions in this record system.

2. An effort will be made to include all relevant documents bearing on the making of USCF policy and other decisions.

3. At the request of any single Executive Board member or the

- Executive Director, a document will be placed in the system.
- 4.** BINFO documents may be classified as confidential, using strict, documented criteria.
- 5.** Classified BINFOs will be reviewed periodically for declassification. This will include but not be limited to documents now in the system and placed there by previous Boards.
- 6.** Non-classified documents will be supplied to members on request; a reasonable duplication fee may be charged.
- 7.** Binders of non-classified documents will be maintained at the USCF office and will be available on request to visiting adult members to examine while in the office.
- 8.** Updated, descriptive indexes of the BINFO system will be available on the USCF website in the most expeditious manner possible, and available in hard copy on request for a reasonable duplication fee. (2000)
- 9.** Non-confidential BINFOs are to be made available electronically without cost to any Delegate or Alternate Delegate that asks to receive them. This is to be done by making them available on the USCF website in a public area and/or setting up a read-only mailing list and adding to the list anyone who wants to receive the BINFOs via e-mail. (2001)
- 33. U.S. Open Scheduling.** The U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15th. (1999)
- 34. Scholastic Chess.** The USCF shall have a full-time Scholastic Director, working in consultation with the Scholastic Committee. The job description and workload priorities of the Scholastic Director will be developed jointly by the Scholastic Committee and the Executive Director.
- The Finance Committee shall include at least one member recommended by the Scholastic Committee.
- The USCF shall implement an income and expense system, which separately identifies scholastic chess activities. (1999)
- 35. ADM votes on the Website.** The final decision of the Board of Delegates on ADMs shall be recorded and published on the USCF website. All available information regarding the vote shall be included. (1999)
- 36. Ballots.** Ballots shall contain only a candidate's name and state. No titles, credentials or other honors shall appear on ballots. (1999)
- 37. World Championship.** The U. S. Chess Federation officially recognizes the following principles regarding the World Championship of Chess:
- 1.** The title of World Champion is a symbol of the recognition given by the chessplayers of the world to the most skilled chess competitor at any point in time. As such it cannot logically be an object of property subject to ownership.
- 2.** It follows from point one that the title of World Champion, to be valid, must be conferred by an organization representing the world's chessplayers. The Championship must be awarded as the result of a system of competition, which is fairly and objectively organized to determine the strongest competitor at that point in time. Such a competition must eliminate, to the extent possible, the effects of luck or other factors irrelevant to skill.
- 3.** The U.S. Chess Federation directs its leadership and its representatives to strive to help create a unified system of competition for the World Championship that is fully consistent with principles one and two. (1998)
- 38. Committee Actions.** USCF Committees, excepting those appointed by the Delegates, exist to advise and recommend, but may not make any ruling that affects the status of any member without ratification by the Executive Board, Office or Delegates. (1998)
- 39. Delegate Committees.** All newly-created Delegates Committees must have a statement of purpose defining their function. (1998)
- 40. LMA Annual Report.** The LMA Management Committee shall publish an annual report showing the performance of the fund's investments, the investments owned, the investment strategy, and an assessment of investment risks. (1998)
- 41. Based on Prizes.** Effective January 1, 1999, all tournaments without exception advertised in *Chess Life*, *Tournament Life*, or elsewhere shall be required to pay at least 50% of any based-on prize advertised if the prize fund is over \$500. Based-on prizes in tournaments with an advertised total prize fund of \$500 or less must be paid in proportion to turnout. Minimum penalty for violation of this rule shall be disqualification from advertising in *Chess Life* for one year. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Director. If a tournament is affected by an act of God, then the organizer may appeal to the Executive Board. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. *Chess Life* shall print no display ads for "based-on" tournaments which mention the "based-on" prize fund without indicating that this prize fund is based on entries. (1998) (2002)(2004)
- 42. Volunteer Expenses.** A summary of all reimbursements to each member of the Executive Board, International Delegations, and all other volunteers shall be published in the Executive Board Newsletters and on the USCF website. (1990, 1998)
- 43. Executive Board Newsletter.** The EBN shall include prompt reports of actions taken by the membership, quarterly state-by-state membership statistics, quarterly USCF financial information, financial outlines of national tournaments completed each quarter, notice of major changes in staffing assignments, prompt reports of actions proposed or taken by FIDE that directly affect the USCF or its members, and USCF committee reports when available. A five-year graph charting USCF membership statistics in all categories shall appear annually in the EBN. (1990)
- 44. Membership Accounting.** 90% of the income from life memberships and 50% from sustaining memberships shall be deposited directly in to the LMA. Services provided to life and sustaining members shall be funded quarterly. (1996, 1999)
- 45. Bylaws Committee.** To aid the Delegates and the Executive Board in informed decision making, the Bylaws Committee shall advise the Executive Board and the Delegates concerning both the substance and the wording of proposed bylaws changes. (1987)
- 46. Drug Testing.** The Delegates believe that drug testing is unnecessary in chess and urge FIDE to limit testing only to events where it is absolutely essential for qualification into the Olympic Games. (2001)
- 47. Candidate Disclosure (Executive Board Candidate Disclosure).** Executive Board candidates are asked to disclose if they are employed full time or are a candidate for full-time employment with any organization that is a vendor for the USCF, a competitor to USCF in any area, or has any significant other business interest (including substantial ownership of a business) that could be affected by decisions made by the USCF. Failure to disclose these interests would not disqualify a candidate from running, but could affect the voters' evaluation of the candidate. (2001)
- 48. Delegates Call (Report in Delegates Call).** A report on compliance or noncompliance with the previous year's Delegate Motions will be provided in the Delegates Call each year. (2001)
- 49. Delegate Elections (Ballots and State Elections).** Ballots should

indicate that voters may vote for up to as many persons as there are positions to fill. To minimize ties, State Chapters are encouraged to nominate more persons than there are positions to be filled. Each ballot will specify the number of Delegate positions for each state. (2001)

50. **Committees (No Pay for Committee Members).** Members of USCF Committees shall not be paid for committee work without authorization of the Delegates. They may continue to receive reimbursement for expenses. (2001)
51. **Rating Lists (Via Hard Copy or Electronic).** Rating Lists (annual lists and supplements) can be received via hard copy or electronic media at the discretion of the affiliate or subscriber at no additional cost. (2001)
52. **USCF Regions.** Executive Board election results shall once again be tabulated by region, beginning in 2003. There shall be twelve regions, each consisting of the same states that the region included before the discontinuation of regions. (2002)
53. **Financial Reports on Website.** Comprehensive USCF financial reports including at least a balance sheet and statement of all activities will be posted on the USCF website on at least a quarterly basis. (2002)
54. **California Borders.** The border between Northern and

Southern California shall be set along county lines. Where San Luis Obispo, Kern and Inyo are the northern most counties of Southern California, and Monterey, Kings, Tulare, Fresno and Mono are the southernmost counties of Northern California. The USCF may use zip codes to approximate this border. The two California state affiliates are responsible for maintaining the zip code mapping used for this border approximation. (2005)

55. **TDCC Changes.** Changes in the Tournament Director certification program proposed by the TDC Committee may be approved by the Executive Board without approval of the delegates. (2006).
56. **USCF National Scholastic Events.** The following USCF National Scholastic Events: The Scholastic K-12 Championship, the Spring Nationals, and the National Youth Action, shall not be outsourced to any other organization without the prior review of the U.S. Scholastic Council and approval of the USCF Board of Delegates. (2007)
57. **Delegates & Financial Reports.** The Board of Delegates is the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chess Federation. Any Delegate has the right to access the official monthly financial reports. The USCF may charge Delegates for the costs incurred in accessing and copying the official monthly financial reports. (2008)

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Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee

CO-CHAIRS HAROLD J. WINSTON AND MIKE NOLAN
(REPORT PREPARED BY HAROLD WINSTON)

The Bylaws Committee reports on both the substance and form of proposed bylaws changes. (DM 87 21) Also, the committee traditionally makes recommendations on issues relating to governance. Mike Nolan (NE) and I serve as co chairs. We regret the recent death of former committee member Jerry Hanken (SCA).

First, last year's committee members worked hard on a series of important changes to insure USCF complied with Illinois law. I want to express thanks to all of the committee members from last year and particularly to Mike Nolan, John McCrary, and Ernie Schlich, who spent extra time in additional meetings working on wording with me. I also want to thank USCF's legal counsel Carolyn Grosboll for her advice and time last year at Indianapolis.

When I list committee votes below, if four figures are given they refer to those in favor, those opposed, those abstaining, and those believing more discussion is needed.

This year the Delegates referred six items to our committee. One item, voter registration (DM 09 35), was initially worked on by the Governance Task Force. Another issue referred was term limits for consecutive service on the Executive Board under the new structure (DM 09 49). Since we are returning to 3 year terms, the committee endorsed a 9 years limit. (10 1 2 1) One member prefers a 6 year limit, and one prefers a 3 term limit.

A third referral was a proposal by Frank Camaratta to return to electing the Executive Board by the Delegates and Alternate Delegates instead of by the USCF members. (DM 09 51) That proposal would bring back the structure with about 500 voting members, consisting of Executive Board members, Delegates at Large and Delegates and Alternate Delegates selected by their state chapter. The States would be free to select their voting members by vote of the state officers, vote of members in their states, or by any other method they choose, including votes at a state meeting. The committee split down the middle on this idea. (3 3 4 3) One member preferred 300 voting members and another some number less than 500.

Another referral was a motion by Larry Cohen (IL) to specify that Executive Board members had to be USCF members and giving a

one month leeway for renewals (DM 09 73). The committee opposed the one month leeway. (2 10 2) The committee supported the requirement of USCF membership. (11 1 2)

A fifth referral involved a motion that the chairs of Rules, Ethics and Scholastic Chess should become non voting members of the Executive Board to insure that the EB does not act on issues contrary to positions taken by the Delegates (DM 09 74). The committee also considered a substitute the maker of the motion would accept: "Appropriate committees must be consulted before the Executive Board makes any new rules or regulations or decides any issues concerning Scholastic chess, Rules or Ethics." The committee split on the substitute. (5 4 2 1) The committee opposed adding the three committee chairs to the Executive Board. (3 8 2 1)

The big debate on the committee was over how to word a proposal (DM 09 19) that Delegates who did not appear at the annual meeting are deemed to have resigned if an available alternate delegate is present to replace them and whether such a provision would be legal. Committee members had different memories of the advice of the Illinois attorney last year. Assuming the concept is legal, the committee discussed whether picking up credentials or responding to the roll call would be crucial, and what time Saturday morning the cutoff would be if notice was given to the USCF President or Secretary that the delegate was on the way or if no notice was given. The committee also discussed what type of notice would be valid. A number of members believed Delegates should arrive the previous day or previous several days to attend the workshops. I hope to take a survey at Irvine of when Delegates arrive. The reasons for such a proposal is to insure no state is not represented when their Delegate does not attend and forgets to resign and an Alternate Delegate is available to participate in the meeting. Also, such a proposal would probably make it unnecessary for the office to make all the phone calls they did last year to insure a quorum. Any such replacements would serve out the remainder of the one year Delegate term.

Turning to specific votes, for the time to replace a Delegate if an Alternate Delegate is present and no notice was given by the Delegate, the committee split: 4 votes for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, 3 votes for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, 1 vote for noon, 1 No vote, and 5 abstentions. For the time to replace if notice of late arrival was given, the committee again split: 4 for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, 2 for

11 a.m. Saturday, 1 for 10 a.m. Saturday, 1 for whenever the Delegate states they will arrive, 1 No vote, and 5 abstentions. The committee agreed notice could be given to the USCF President or Secretary. (10 1 3) The committee approved notice by a signed fax. (10 1 3) The committee also approved notice by an e mail confirmed by a phone call. (10 1 3) If legal, the committee approved the concept. (7 1 4 2)

Three other matters considered by the committee involve proposals from the Governance Task Force (GTF), headed by committee member Joe Lux (NJ). The GTF included members of the Bylaws Committee and members of the Executive Board. The first GTF proposal concerned voter registration for Executive Board elections, a subject referred to the Bylaws Committee (DM 09 35). The GTF proposal includes exempting Delegates and Alternate Delegates from having to register. The sub issues involved who is eligible to register, and would there be a fee for registration. The committee basically agreed with the GTF that persons who voted in 2009 or 2010 should be eligible to register (12 1 1), that persons who did not vote in 2008 or 2009 could register if they have been USCF members for 5 years (9 3 2), that there would be no fee for registration (9 0 3 2), and approved the registration concept as a whole. (9 0 4 1)

The second subject from GTF was the issue of recalls. Basically the committee agreed with the GTF positions that: (A) recall information should be sent by mail not put in *Chess Life* (11 2 1); (B) the quorum for recall elections should change from 1500 to 500 (8 4 2); (C) that recall elections could start within 60 days of petitions being filed instead of 120 days (8 3 2 1); and (D) that there would be no recall in the last 6 months of the term of an EB member (10 3 1).

Finally, GTF drafted a proposal relating to the nominating process for Executive Board elections. The Bylaws committee agreed with GTF on: (A) increasing signature requirements from 30 to 50 on nominating petitions (12 1 1); (B) requiring 25 of the 50 signatures be from Delegates (10 2 1 1); (C) requiring signatures of Delegates from 10 different states (7 4 2 1); (D) increasing the filing fee from \$250 to \$400 (8 4 2); and (E) allowing nominations to begin on July 20 of a prior year, instead of Nov. 20. (12 0 1 1).

In addition, based on the work of John McCrary, the Bylaws Committee came up with a list of Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest that should be deleted as obsolete. The Bylaws committee voted 12 0 2 to drop DACI 49 (rules for the obsolete State USCF member elections of Delegates), 11 1 2 to drop DACI 4, the requirement for sending out substantive matters in advance (now covered in the Bylaws), 11 0 2 1 to drop DACI 31, the motion about transcripts and minutes, now inconsistent with the revised bylaws; 10 1 3 to remove DACI 43 dealing with Executive Board Newsletters, 12 0 2 to drop DACI 8 concerning mailing of minutes, 9 1 2 2, to drop DACI 21, requiring a rationale for supplemental Delegate motions, and to replace the lengthy motion DACI 24, concerning committee reports by a single sentence ("Committee chairs with printed reports at the annual meeting must provide them to the Delegates") (6 votes) or entirely drop DACI 24 (5 votes). Finally, the committee voted 12 0 2 to package a number of these deletions to save time at the Delegates meeting.

Co chair Mike Nolan and I also responded to various inquiries.

I thank Mike Nolan and all our other committee memberships for their participation: John McCrary (SC), John Hillery (S. CA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Guy Hoffman (WI), Richard Koepcke (N. CA), Allen Priest (KY), Gary Kitts (MI), David Mehler (DC), Joe Lux (NJ), Robert Persante (FL), Donna Alarie (MA), and Ernie Schlich (VA).

Our committee will try to review any other new Delegate bylaws or governance proposals for the 2010 Delegates agenda. Please join us at the Bylaws Workshop on Friday morning August 6, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Irvine, in Irvine, California. To contact the committee, please e mail me at: HJWinston@aol.com.

Chess Clubs Committee

BOB RASMUSSEN

The members of the U.S. Chess Federation Chess Clubs Committee are from all over the United States and each brings with him an area of expertise that will be beneficial to chess clubs across the country as it relates to expanding the number of new chess clubs, expanding the total number of members for existing chess clubs, and helping all chess clubs prosper financially.

Over the next year the Chess Clubs Committee would like to present to the executive board a detailed template as a suggestion for chess clubs across the United States to follow. This template would include how to recruit new members and keep all members interested in chess, how to find the best location for club meetings, how to improve tournament play, how to raise money, and how to obtain media coverage for their events.

For the long term success of chess clubs in the United States it is imperative that they be financially sound and are knowledgeable as to the best course of action in fund raising. We believe that to aid in successful fund raising, that there should also be a template for chess clubs on how to apply for and receive a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, granted by the Internal Revenue Service. This template should contain all of the elements required by the Internal Revenue Service for the 501(c)(3) status. The 501(c)(3) status would allow chess clubs to find corporate sponsorships and offer them a tax write off for their donation. Where chess clubs do not qualify for 501(c)(3), all should qualify for a 501(c)(4) nonprofit status which is almost as good.

Chess in Education

CO-CHAIRS, JOHN BUKY AND DR. JOSEPH EBERHARD

Leslie B. Lipschultz:

Think Like A King and *World Chess Live*, an arm of the Internet Chess Club (ICC), have teamed up to create an exciting new Internet site, www.MajorLeagueChess.com, where school chess teams will be able to play each other in online chess matches locally, across the nation, or even around the world. The Web portal to this new world launches in the fall of 2010, and will provide an exciting new option for tournament play. Student team members will be able to play other students in a protected, online environment under the watchful eye of their coaches.

League governance will be local, and Major League Chess will be an entirely flexible tool that schools can use to arrange their own matches when they want, against whom they want, and how they want. Teams can play occasional matches, join a formal chess conference that works for their school, or create their own chess conference with other compatible schools. Coaches can define their own conference schedules, dates, times and seasons; create their own conference rules for team size, time controls, etc.

Major League Chess will track player and team ratings and statistics, year after year. Using *Chess Club Manager*, the Think Like A King software tool that will be provided with league membership, coaches will be able to use their chess club data to build their team rosters, rank players and much more, so that preparing for any match will take just a few mouse clicks.

For isolated, rural schools, or those which cannot afford the transportation costs associated with 'live' tournaments, this online chess league creates new opportunities for students to become involved in an activity educators value. This participation may even allow teams previously unable to qualify for state or national chess tournaments due to their inability to be at more face to face matches, to later participate in major events. These experiences can be life altering, especially for students who may not otherwise be able to participate in this level of team sports.

Major League Chess will also have an adult chess club component.

Dr. Alexey Root:

Libraries Unlimited published Dr. Alexey Root's fourth book, *People, Places, Checkmates: Teaching Social Studies with Chess* (2010). Its 15 lesson plans meet the curriculum standards of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). Chess players (past and present) are profiled in Root's book. For example, a lesson on "chess and philanthropy" highlights Grandmaster Yury Shulman's Chess without Borders 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization.

The University of Texas at Dallas eLearning platform will host the Chess Online courses formerly available on the UT TeleCampus. These college credit courses are designed for educators and chess coaches who wish to use chess to meet educational goals and state standards for K 12 students. To register for fall 2010 courses, please contact Dr. Alexey Root at aroot@utdallas.edu.

John P. Buky:

- John P. Buky (Chess Academy Manager) purchased 50 scholastic memberships in an effort to promote the USCF in Illinois Schools where the Chess Academy program is taught.
- The Chess Academy has become a Gold Affiliate as of May 2010.
- The USCF Chess in Education Committee has a website at: www.thechessacademy.org/USCF_Chess_Education_Committee.htm. The USCF Chess in Education Committee members, as well as completed events, (including chess in education workshops) are all updated by John P. Buky on this website.
- John P. Buky and Wilbur Tseng have published "Chess in the Classroom." Both student and teacher versions are available. This workbook is a complete curriculum to integrate chess into the elementary (grades www.thechessacademy.org/Chess_Curriculum.htm

F. Leon Wilson:

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CHILDREN AND CHESS: A GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS authored by U.S. Chess Federation Chess in Education Committee member Alexey Root.

ERIC is only one of many online digital libraries educators and chess researchers can use to enhance and expand services to the chess community.

College Chess Committee

CHAIR, JIM STALLINGS

The College Chess Committee (CCC) continues its online coverage with partners, such as MonRoi and the Internet Chess Club (ICC). Students, alumni, and chess fans need to be able to follow the action. We have shortened the time controls in several instances from student feedback. Of course, one sees that already in FIDE tournaments. Jon Haskel continues to perform a great role as chief tournament director at the online tournaments and as the webmaster at the collegiate website: www.collegechess.org/.

The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) with a perfect 6 0 score was back as the sole winner at the 2009 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Championship held at South Padre Island and hosted by UT Brownsville (UTB). Tied for 2nd 4th at 4.4 1.5 were The University of Texas (UTD) at Dallas A, Texas Tech University (TTU) A, and UTD B. The Division Champions were

DIVISION I CHAMPION (2200 & ABOVE)	UMBC-B TEAM
DIVISION II CHAMPION (2000-2199)	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
DIVISION III CHAMPION (1800-1999)	UTB-B TEAM
DIVISION IV CHAMPION (UNDER 1800)	YALE UNIVERSITY-A TEAM

The winner of the 2010 Chess College of the Year award was El Centro College. As a community college in downtown Dallas, it focuses on providing associated degrees for local residents. They exemplify what a small college can do in college chess with the leadership and goals. Darrell Cook, advisor to the chess club, had entries in the first College Chess Tournament of Champions in 2008; they have played in the 2008 and 2009 Pan American Intercollegiate Championships; in 2009, they had a team play in the Duncan Oxley Memorial Online Collegiate Tournament; and, they have been hosting local tournaments. All of this has been happening with minimum funding.

In the 3rd annual the "Duncan Oxley Memorial Tournament" was held on ICC in the fall. The results for individuals were

1ST	ANDREW SAMUELSON	4½	GEORGE MASON
2ND	LUCIANA MORALES	4½	UT BROWNSVILLE
3RD	TONY ROTELLA	4	CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
4TH	TROY DALY	4	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
5TH	VASILY MIKHAYLOV	4	CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

In the 4 round Spring Team Online Collegiate Tournament, also held on ICC, the UTD B team won 1st place (3½) followed by the UTD A (3) for 2nd; and a 3 way tie for 3rd 5th places (2½) University of Washington, Grinnell College, and University Utah.

The World Chess Live Tournament of College Champions (TOC) now enters its third year. This determines the Individual College Champion and is played concurrently with the Denker and the U.S. Open. World Chess Live is generously supporting the tournament in terms of a prize fund. The U.S. Chess Trust has again approved funds for the CCC to spend on a marketing campaign to colleges across the U.S. We are receiving more feedback from colleges around the U.S. with regard to both the TOC and the Pan Am. The 2009 Individual Champion was IM Gergely Antal from TTU with a clear first at 5 1. This was no mean feat as he

faced four IMs in the last 4 rounds. This is indicative of the strength of the rising TTU chess team.

Speaking of which, for the first time ever TTU made it to the 2010 Final Four hosted by UT Brownsville on their campus in Brownsville, TX. This was the strongest event in college chess history with the average rating of the 16 players being an absurd 2530 (5 GMs and 10 IMs)! There would be blood. (It was just a matter of whose.) The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) demonstrated that their solid performance in last year's Final Four was no fluke. This year with 7½ points in second place, they were barely nosed out for first place by perennial powerhouse UMBC at 8. UTD and TTU with no GMs had been outgunned. For UMBC, the winning of the 2010 President's Cup capped off an extremely good year, which included one Pan Am and two Final Four Championships.

Next year's Final Four will be something different. It will not be on a college campus or hosted by a college. The reason for this is that the CCC has received corporate sponsorship for the event. Our sponsor is the prestigious consulting firm, Booz Allen Hamilton. This resulted from a cooperative effort over three months with various individuals and groups coming together: Mike Hoffpauir (President, Virginia Chess Federation); Harold Winston and Barbara DeMaro (U.S. Chess Trust); Mike Atkins (Executive Board); and Jim Stallings (College Chess Committee) to name some. This corporate collegiate partnership is one that we expect strengthen over the years as our best and brightest collegiate stars battle for the President's Cup.

Correspondence Chess Committee

CHAIR, HAROLD STENZEL

No progress has been made on establishing a USCF web server.

In February, SIM Michael Millstone was elected as ICCF General Secretary. This is the second highest office of the Correspondence arm of FIDE. Prior to this Michael was the ICCF Direct Entry Commissioner.

In January, Kristo Miettinen won the 11th North American International Correspondence Chess Championship. The win earned him a spot in an upcoming ICCF World Championship Final. This result also was his second senior international master norm and in October in at the ICCF Congress in Kemer, Antalya, Turkey he will be awarded the SIM title.

In February, Keith Holzmueller earned his second senior international master norm and he too will be awarded the SIM title in October at the ICCF Congress.

Currently, SIM Jon Ostriker needs a draw or win in his final game in the 23rd ICCF World Championship Final to gain his second norm and thus the Correspondence GM title. He will finish either 4th or 5th in that tournament.

GM Jason Bokar is participating in the 24th World championship Final and at plus 2 with 3 games remaining he is in contention for the title.

Committee member Robert Rizzo assisted with the writing of this report.

Denker Committee

CHAIR, DEWAIN BARBER

The 25th Annual Denker Tournament of High Champions that took place in Indianapolis, IN was hugely successful. Forty eight high schoolers attended with Abby Marshall (VA) placing first with a 5½ result (\$800 scholarship from the Chess Trust). Second

place was a tie between Michael Yang (MN) and Jeffrey Haskel (FL) with 5. The Ursula Foster award (\$500 scholarship) for best under age 16 was awarded to Michael Yang.

The University of Texas (Dallas) sponsored a four year Academic Distinction Scholarship that was awarded to Abby Marshall. She is the first girl to win the Denker event and received a beautiful ebony wood set from the Frank Marshall series presented by Frank Camaratta.

Mitchell Denker, the son of GM Arnold Denker, provided a \$100 stipend to all participants with American Chess Equipment providing a \$100 gift certificate for the biggest upset to Chris Andrews (WY) to be used in the USCF Sales bookstore. American Chess Equipment also provided gold medallions to each participant.

Probably the most challenging moment in the tournament was when the top board was interrupted in the middle of the last game by a false fire alarm. Between the lightning strike in Ft. Lauderdale and the alarm in Indianapolis, it can be said that Denker players never sleep at the board.

As we move into the next quarter century, this event will continue to shine as an example of the best we can offer from Alaska to Maine, Michigan to Texas, Florida to Hawaii and from California to Virginia. I say from the deepest part of my heart: "Thank you, Arnold and Mitchell, for the legacy you have bestowed upon the chess community."

Election Committee

CHAIR, MIKE NOLAN

As I write this, the ballots have not yet gone out, though the files have all been generated. The May 5th record date for eligibility as a voting member for this year's special election appears to have worked out reasonably well; it remains to be seen whether any new eligibility issues surface.

A final report will be available at the Delegates Meeting.

Having served as the chair of the Election Committee for its first five years, I think it is time to pass that responsibility on to some one else, so I will be stepping down off the Election Committee, though I will be available as an advisor to next year's Election Committee. I thank my committee members: Myron Lieberman, Ernie Schlich, Roger Gotschall and Woody Harris, and this year's Chief Teller, Harry Sabine for their service, support and wise counsel.

Ethics Committee

CHAIR, RICHARD BUCHANAN

The Ethics Committee has had a fairly light load this year. What cases we have handled have involved alleged ethics violations by players and directors at tournaments.

The Code of Ethics for USCF is included in the annual Delegates Call and is available on the USCF website.

The Committee is always open to having new members join us. Anyone interested in becoming an Ethics Committee member should inform Judy Misner in the USCF office or me at buck-peace@pcisys.net. Committee members should not be involved in USCF politics. To find out how the committee operates, please contact me at the above e mail address.

Hall of Fame Committee

CHAIR, HAROLD J. WINSTON

The big news this year is the move of the Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum from its long time home in Miami, Florida to St.

Louis, Missouri, thanks to the generosity of Rex Sinquefield. The Museum will probably reopen sometime this winter. More can be found in my U.S. Chess Trust report.

In 2010, the Trustees of the U.S. Chess Trust voted into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame the three persons recommended by our committee who made major contributions to American chess over three different time periods. The induction will take place at the USCF Awards Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Irvine Hotel in Irvine, California on Saturday, August 7, 2010, starting at 12 noon.

Our first inductee, Diane Savereide dominated U.S. women's chess in the 1970s and 1980s and won the U.S. Women's Championship five times. Savereide became a women's international master in 1977. She was one of the first American women to attain a master's rating. She competed on six women's Olympiad teams from 1976 1988 and held down first board from 1976 1984 and board 2 in 1988. She was board 1 for the women's team that placed fourth in 1976. She will be the second woman to be inducted: the first was multiple times U.S. Women's Champion Gisela Gresser.

LMA Committee

CHAIR, TIM REDMAN

"The LMAC is responsible for managing the Life Member Assets," according to the USCF Bylaws. Our overall goal is the continued viability of a sound USCF, where the LMA fund provides a solid financial foundation, both for the ongoing commitment to the Life Members and for the overall financial strength of the Federation.

The LMA continued to enjoy continued good relations with Operations this past year. The Federation has experienced some tough times due to the expenses of litigation. At the same time, Phil LeCornu, a life member, left us a \$450,000 bequest, which helped a great deal. He is being recognized posthumously with a Gold Koltanowski Medal.

To encourage the Federation to conserve some of that bequest, the LMA offered a line of credit to Operations of \$100,000 at a simple interest rate of 6%, to be paid back on May 1, 2010. The proviso was that Operations would pay down \$100,000 of the mortgage. Operations paid down the mortgage and exercised that option to utilize the line of credit in two phases.

Previous administrations had left the old pension plan under funded by \$16,000, and the LMA offered to loan the money needed to cover that obligation again at a simple interest rate of 6%, due May 1, 2010.

The \$16,576.00 was repaid promptly though it is not yet reflected in our monthly report from Oberweis. Given the ongoing obligations to our attorneys, the LMA Committee voted to extend the due date of the \$100,000 line of credit to May 1, 2011, with no additional interest to be charged.

Since we have been as yet unable to refinance our mortgage, there is a very remote chance that the current holder may call it in at any time. It is highly unlikely since we are paying the mortgage note promptly each month. Nonetheless, since such an eventuality would have a potentially devastating impact on the USCF, the LMA has agreed that should the note be called in, the LMA would pay it off. In order to have the necessary funds to make good on that promise, one of our two \$100,000 CDs was transferred to Oberweis when its term was finished. The amount transferred was \$102,541.93.

Operations has continued to remit money collected from life and sustaining members, less the cost of servicing those members each year (now \$15) promptly each month. One month the amount was less than \$100 (very unusual as it is most frequently in the \$1,000 2,000 range). Joe Nanna proposed, and I agreed, that for amounts less than \$100 the amount transferred would be held over to the next month.

The result of all of this is that as of the current statement, the amount in the Oberweis account is \$313,266.94. Additional LMA assets include a \$100,000 CD which matures in the Fall, the roughly \$105,000 due from Operations on May 1, 2011, and the building and land (which can be sold or further mortgaged only with the approval of the Delegates).

Although the LMA Management Committee's primary purpose is investment, we have not been able to pursue that course over the past year for two reasons. The first is that the investment climate over the past year urged a cautious approach. The second and more important reason is that the LMA is the only cash reserve fund that the Federation now has. To deal with emergencies, we believed it best to remain very liquid.

As in past years, the LMA Committee urges Operations to budget for an annual 5% surplus, to be accumulated as a reserve fund. As in past years, we also urge Operations to make an annual appeal in a first class mailing to life members to consider making a provision in their wills for the USCF. I am ready to help write that appeal. It would be nice to find other Phil LeCornus among us. In that respect, our life members represent a potential asset to the Federation, not a liability. Think, for example, of the kind of mailings nearly all of us receive from our alma maters.

Our primary thanks go to our staff liaison, Joe Nanna, who is patient, punctual, and precise in response to my many questions. We would also like to thank our board liaison Randy Bauer, Bill Hall, and Peggy Stephens for their help.

The Delegate elected Committee this year also included Jack Adamo, Frank Camaratta, Leroy Dubeck (Vice Chair), Peter Dyson, Beatriz Marinello, Grant Perks, Fred Townsend, and Chuck Unruh.

Military Committee

CHAIR, DOUGLAS D. TAFFINDER, LT COL, USAF

Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marines are fielding teams for the Inter Service Chess Championship, 1 7 Aug. 10, at Navy Station Great Lakes, IL. The Services will send the top six finishers (to include at least one participant from each Service) to the NATO Chess Championship in Denmark this October. Special thanks to Ms. Margaret Barnett and the MWR POCs for each of the Services for making these events possible.

U.S. Armed Forces Open Championship (USAFO) was conducted at Gettysburg, MD over Columbus Day weekend in 2009. Mike Hoffpauir led the charge to organize the event and did an outstanding job of directing. I will defer to him to add tournament results here. On an, "it's a small world" note, Mr. Robert Tanner and his wife Elizabeth were visiting the Civil War Museum at Gettysburg at the time of the tournament. Having first met Robert in 1984, it was good to see him again.

The USAFO is the nation's largest, free, military oriented chess tournament and is open to all active duty, retired and reserve chessplayers. The U.S. Chess Federation's Military Chess Committee is the supervising body for this event, which is always held in the national capital region on a rotating schedule between volunteer representatives (usually retirees) from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The event typically has between 60 and 80 participants but this year, thanks to increased interest, we are anticipating in excess of 100 players from across the nation. This (2010) is also the sixth year for the Service Academy Chess Championship and cadets, midshipmen and ROTC (with DOD ID) will battle for the Commander in Chief's Trophy as well as representing their respective service. Other scheduled events include the Friday night Warm up event and the annual USAFO Blitz (speed chess) championship. The USAFO is a full weekend that offers the unique opportunity to meet and compete with previous, current and future military chess champions.

Next U.S. Armed Forces Open will convene at Joint Base

Andrews, MD over 2010 Columbus day weekend. Details are at <http://www.usmilitarychess.org/usafo2010.html> and TLA to be published soon. Mr. Goichberg had graciously offered to co locate our tournament with his event in Crystal City, but most participants wanted to play on a military installation. Special thanks to Mr. Steven Rollins for his invaluable assistance thus far and to Mr. Mike Hoffpaur for agreeing to direct the event.

The Executive Board concurred with our recommendation to rotate Military Chess Committee chairmanship. The chair will be the chief organizer of the U.S. Armed Forces Open. As such, I will step down as chair shortly after this event. I presume that Mr. John Farrell (a.k.a. Johnny USMC), will assume the chair at that time.

On a sad note, early this year the military chess community lost a long time pillar with the passing of Mr. David Gavin. Dave was a driving force in the military chess community over the years, and is in large part responsible for the existence of military chess to this day. The Virginia Chess Federation hosted a tournament in his memoriam last July.

Ironically, I will not be present at the U.S. Open to present this report because (having recently won the Air Force Championship) I will be participating in the Inter Service Chess Championship.

Outreach Committee

CHAIR, MYRON LIEBERMAN

SPONSORED INSTRUCTION

Sponsorship of chess training addresses the biggest obstacle to chess being available to all people regardless of background. When students must pay for a coach, tutor, or camp it can get expensive. That results in only those who can afford it being able to improve. If sponsors support a camp or program the students get the full benefit regardless of their ability to pay. Chess is extremely important for today's youth and sponsorship is a tremendous public service.

Two examples of successful programs are Nine Queens and Checkmate Chess Instruction. Both continued to prove the effectiveness of sponsor/donor supported scholarships in enabling children in low income families to obtain top level instruction at little or no cost to the student.

Alan Anderson of Checkmate Chess Instruction noted that he is willing to work with serious organizers anywhere to help them set up programs similar to the Summer Chess Academy. The 2010 Summer Chess Academy format is being expanded to include other playing and training opportunities in addition to the camp, which will again include GM instructors.

Checkmate Chess Instruction has partnered with the Banner Health Foundation to hold a benefit to raise money for the Cardon Children's Medical Center's Pediatric Rehabilitation Unit. Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and WGM Anna Zatonskih (who will be an instructor at the Summer Chess Academy) will be featured guests. Thanks to Dr. Norman Saba, Alan Anderson, and every one else involved for showing that chess is not only good for children's health and future development, but can also be used to help pediatric facilities to provide improved medical care.

MEDIA

Chess coverage in the media continues to improve.

Many thanks to the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis for their excellent coverage of the U.S. Championship and their professional approach to press releases. The organization and promotion of the match were excellent and can serve as an example of how to do things right. Nearly ten years ago controversial radio/TV personality Don Imus became interested in chess for himself and his son as a result of a letter and packet sent to him by the Outreach Committee (See the Outreach Committee

Report in the 2001 "Delegates Call"). David Goodman became his coach. When this was brought up at the Outreach workshop Susan Polgar indicated that she was coaching Howard Stern, another controversial on air personality that had spent some time on the same radio station as Don Imus. The workshop suggested that a charity chess event that featured Don Imus and Howard Stern playing against each other could not only raise funds for their favorite charities but would have very substantial media appeal. As there were no further developments it seemed like a lost opportunity to promote chess and raise funds for charity. It is my understanding that currently Howard Stern is being coached by Dan Heisman and has played USCF rated games. The idea of a publicized match to benefit charity is still a great idea and hopefully those currently involved may help see that it happens. The Outreach Committee stands ready to help in any way it can.

Publications Committee

CHAIR, JONATHAN HILTON

After a frenzy of activity during the 2008 2009 chess calendar year, the Publications Committee has taken a breather for the 2009 2010 term. The loss of influential committee member Jerry Hanken this past October has been felt by all. The chairman wishes to thank all those who have published tributes to Mr. Hanken since his death; in particular, he would like to thank Daniel Lucas for his eloquent tribute to Mr. Hanken in the February 2010 issue of *Chess Life*. Without Mr. Hanken, Publications Committee discussions have lost much of their flavor.

The losses of committee members Herman Chiu, Ph.D. in journalism, and Nigel Eddis, one of the great chess photographers of the twentieth century, in 2008 and 2009 respectively, have also dealt the Publications Committee a serious blow. The chairman wishes to praise the efforts of all the remaining committee members to maintain high spirits despite all those who have passed on. The committee now stands at five members.

The Chairman wishes to thank Executive Board member Ruth Haring for volunteering to replace Randy Hough as our liaison to the Board. The number of opinions, thoughts, and complaints received by the Publications Committee from USCF members has been significantly lower this year than in past years. Tensions have been lower since the end of the 2009 Executive Board elections and there has been a feeling of "business as usual" that is, there has been very little business. The most exciting piece of committee news was the surprise engagement of member and Michigan chess journalist Tim Moroney to his longtime sweetheart Kaitlin Allen. As the lives of some ever present committee members come to an end, those of others are just beginning. Mr. Hanken, who was quite fond of Tim, would have been thrilled to hear the news.

The Publications Committee membership, which often overlaps with that of the Chess Journalists of America (CJA), wishes to thank committee member and New York journalist Ramon Hernandez for stepping up as chief judge of the CJA awards. Mr. Hernandez has taken on the immense task of organizing the CJA's yearly awards program and has also accepted the position of chairman of the CJA Awards Committee.

Coverage of the 2010 U.S. Championships on the USCF website, edited by Jennifer Shahade, was excellent. The daily updates were informative and the video specials were an added touch. The committee wishes to thank Ms. Shahade for her continued dedication to improving the website. The committee also wishes to thank Glenn Petersen for his dedication to *Chess Life for Kids*. In the opinion of the committee, this has been a smooth year in the realm of American chess journalism. Finally, the committee applauds Daniel Lucas for his devotion to the world of USCF publications.

Ratings Committee

CHAIR, MARK E. GLICKMAN, PH.D.

The Ratings Committee (RC) was involved in a number of projects this past year, though unfortunately some of our work was hampered by the inability to test proposed rating system modifications due to resource constraints at the USCF office. Our focus this year was on the final details of the new title system whose implementation is imminent, clarification of match rules, and rating system monitoring tasks. A few other minor issues were also addressed.

Most of the work on the title system has been completed, but a few small issues remain. The basic premise of the title system is to award permanent titles based on sustained performances at particular rating levels. As an example, a player who is vying for the 1800 level ("1st category") title would need to demonstrate several qualifying tournament performances in which his/her game results would be considered sufficiently impressive for someone rated 1800. For each qualifying performance, a single norm is awarded. Once five norms are collected, a title for that level is issued. Norms and titles cannot be lost through poor performance or inactivity. A player may be working on several titles simultaneously. In the latter half of 2009, we worked with Mike Nolan to retroactively apply the title system going back to 1991 to examine the distribution of titles earned. We found that roughly 20-30% of players at a rating of near X earn the X title, and about 50-60% of players rated X+100 earn the X title. As an example, this means that players around a rating of 1600 would tend to have a 20-30% chance at eventually earning the 1600 ("2nd category") title, whereas players rated around 1700 would have closer to a 50-60% chance of earning that title. Unlike the title system from the early 1990s, it is intentionally more challenging to earn titles in the current system.

One detail of the title system that is still under consideration is how to handle situations where a player does not play four or more games in events of four or more rounds. The current rule states that players may only earn norms from events of at least four rounds, but the ambiguity is whether all such games are played. In general, there is agreement among RC members that if a player has played four games, then only those games would count toward the norm computation. In cases where fewer than four games are played, one possibility is to restrict norm eligibility to situations in which a player actually plays four or more games. In this case, players who do not play at least four games are not eligible for norms. An alternative idea that has been proposed is to consider a player eligible for a norm if he/she has played fewer than four games in an event of four or more rounds as long as one of the unplayed games is a full point bye or forfeit win, indicating that the player had intended to play a game. In such an instance, a norm would be awarded (at the relevant rating level) if the played games were sufficiently impressive. In testing this latter approach on events from 2009-2010, only one player benefited from this approach, suggesting that allowing norm eligibility in four or more round events when fewer than four games are played does not measurably change the overall frequency of awarding norms and titles. This issue will be resolved shortly.

Over the past year, the USCF office had to confront many instances of tournament submissions that contained multiple games among player pairs (which generally should be rated as matches), and unusual match submissions. One such match submission involved a provisional player competing against an established player. After some RC discussion about whether it is appropriate to rate matches between established versus provisional players, we discovered that unambiguous match rules were in effect since 2006 that precluded rating matches between provisional and established players. The rating system specs had not

been updated to reflect this rule which was the source of the confusion. The document has since been updated. In a related matter, the specs have been modified to describe the current method of updating ratings based on FIDE events that are not directly USCF rated. The specs can be downloaded from

www.glicko.net/ratings/rating.system.pdf

The Executive Board (EB) presented several items for RC consideration stemming from their November 2009 meeting. They asked the RC chair about whether rating floors could be implemented at ratings of 1200 and 1300 (currently the lowest floor above the absolute floor of 100 is 1400). While the RC chair reminded the EB liaison that rating floors can only distort the validity of ratings, he recommended that if they were implemented then the RC would monitor whether these two new floors cause any noticeable shifts in ratings. The EB also proposed a new "victory points" system, which is an award system much in the spirit of "master points" in bridge. While the RC generally had no problems with the details of such a system, the sentiment was expressed that having both a victory points system concurrently with a title system might dilute general enthusiasm for both systems. The EB further asked the RC to consider methods for connecting the Quick Chess (QC) and regular rating systems, and to study whether the K factor in the established rating formula needs to be larger for high rated players. These are both issues the RC has been considering for awhile, but to fully evaluate how to proceed requires the use of computer resources at the USCF office that have not been available for ratings testing. Both of these issues are high priority for the RC, and once the USCF backup server is available to run simulations these tasks will be carried out.

One minor issue that was brought to the attention of the RC chair was an instance where the "special" rating formulas for handling provisional ratings produced unintuitive results. The situation involved an unrated player who had perfect scores in several small events. The problem is that when a player has a perfect result in a first tournament and gets a provisional rating based on N games (often the largest of the opponents' rating plus 400), the second event treats the post tournament rating from the first event as though it were N draws against players of that rating. This could conceivably result in strange results, especially if the opponents in the second event are much stronger than those in the first event. The reason for treating the results from the first event as N draws is to avoid saving the actual game results. While the particular situation that was brought up is certainly rare, we will investigate whether it is possible to save the actual game results in the rating program to avoid these odd behaviors.

Each year the RC performs a set of diagnostic analyses to monitor trends in the rating pool. Overall rating levels have deflated from the mid 1990s through 2000 when rating floors were decreased by 100 points without a counteracting inflationary mechanism. With the new rating system implemented in 2001, ratings started to re-inflate. The RC has the goal of restoring rating levels back roughly to where they were at the end of 1997. The focus of RC work has been on players with established ratings who have been active over the current and previous three years and who are aged 35-45 years old in the current year. Based on the continued decline in ratings for this group, the RC recommended two years ago lowering the bonus point threshold from B=10 to B=6 to accelerate the re-inflation of the rating pool. This change was applied retroactively to the beginning of 2008. Over the past two years, the average rating for this group has increased 20 points in 2008, and about 25 points in 2009. The average rating is currently 40 points lower than the average rating at the end of 1997. A concern was expressed among some RC members that leaving the bonus point threshold at B=6 for another year might result in overshooting our target, since the effect of lowering the threshold not only helps to increase players' ratings directly through bonus points, but indirectly to the opponents where the benefit of the bonus point increase takes longer to observe. We

will be working in the next few months with the USCF office to test various bonus point thresholds retroactively to examine the “trickle down” effect of increasing B to a larger value. Depending on the results of this analysis, we may recommend increasing B to either 8 or 10 in the next few months.

Scholastic Committee Report

CHAIR, MIKE NIETMAN

The Coaches’ Certification Program began running this year. We have had a number of coaches who successfully completed applications and were certified. Ralph Bowman should be congratulated for his persistent efforts in developing and managing the program. Details may be found on the Scholastic page of the USCF’s website.

Three successful national scholastic championships were held again this year. The high school championship was held in Columbus, Ohio. The junior high/middle school tournament was in Minneapolis and the elementary championship was in Atlanta, Georgia. Scholastic issues were presented in meetings with parents and coaches at each of the events. The Scholastic Council will review the topics that developed the most interest to see if any require action or changes in the regulations. Issues receiving the most attention were: (1) Maintaining the integrity and current structure of the nationals into the future should the USCF ever decide to sub contract them to a third party. (2) Developing strategies for determining an accurate rating for players participating in the nationals, whose chess competition is primarily non USCF and have become significantly under rated. (3) An addition to the regulations bringing consistency to the issue of repairing players whose opponents do not show up in the first round of the nationals.

The council is also researching an idea of providing additional trophies in the national championships. These would be added to existing sections for teams from schools whose structure does not follow an existing section. For example trophies for the top K 2 and K 4 schools would be added to the Elementary Championship.

A sub committee of the committee along with several certified chess coaches are writing a curriculum to propose to the Boy Scouts of America to get a chess merit badge. This sub committee is being led by Ralph Bowman and Jim Celone and have already passed the first step in acquiring merit badge status, the first time in 14 tries that chess has made it this far! We hope to have an announcement within the year of the success of this initiative. Those in scouting have said that if the Boy Scouts approve the program, the Girl Scouts will follow suit and vice versa.

States Committee

CHAIR, GUY HOFFMAN

It had been such a quiet year, I didn’t think there was anything to report. One message from last year’s Missouri case appeared, but nothing followed. Rumors of problems in Alabama and Florida never came before us. Then Bylaws had a couple of items of interest: the “deemed to have resigned” issue didn’t cause any problems, but the return to 500 voting members was not met with much interest. Fortunately, there is an alternative.

Another item came from the Executive Board, which sought to make a modification of the “Duties of State Affiliates” DM91 27. The wording doesn’t seem to offer much, but met with mixed reactions from the committee. I intend to make it a topic for the workshop.

I would like to thank my committee members Frank Berry, Walter Buehl, Larry Cohen, Ed Conway, Roger Gotschall, Jim Gray, Richard Koepcke, and Harvey Lerman.

Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC)

CHAIR, TIM JUST

This year the TDCC spent much of its time reformatting and revising the tournament director (TD) certification rules that became effective as of 1/1/10. The new format is viewed to be more useful. The TDCC and the Board carried on a dialog via their Board liaison regarding those changes along with a few ideas proposed by the Board itself.

The TDCC also discussed concerns regarding TD re certification, certification lapses, and proper rules enforcement.

Several waiver requests were received and denied regarding TD testing. One waiver was requested regarding the certification level of TDs that were to be assigned as the chiefs of an N2 national tournament. Given that the organizer was an NTD and would be available for consultation(s) the waiver was granted. One waiver was granted to a TD requesting a TD exam before they completed their TD experience requirements; however, they still are required to meet the experience requirements.

One TD was contacted and advised on the correct procedure regarding tournament submissions and will be monitored for compliance.

The TDCC chair and the USCF office continued their dialog regarding minor individual TD certification challenges and fielding TD questions regarding the certification process.

The TDCC Board Liaison, Mike Atkins, is spearheading an item analysis of selected TD exams to gather data regarding possible revisions of those tests.

Thanks to TDCC members Ed Conway, Francisco L. Guadalupe, Charles Hatherill, Guy Hoffman, Randy Hough, Carol Jarecki, Alan Losoff, Joe Lux, John McCumiskey, Ernie Schlich, Mike Somers, and Jeff Wiewel.

U.S. Open Committee

CHAIR, HAL TERRIE

The U.S. Open Committee considered two items which were referred to it. The first of these was ADM 09 61 (Larry Cohen, IL) which would make possible an 11 round tournament over the same number of days as the current 9 round format, by permitting two games per day on the first two days. The committee unanimously opposed this idea. While the committee sympathized with the sponsor’s preference for the older format with more games, we agreed that more games was not to be desired just as an end in itself. The one game per day option is one of the things which makes the U.S. Open such a special event. Breaking that requirement would force those who favor the traditional schedule either to take two half point byes or to endure the weekend Swiss type fatigue of two games per day.

The second item was an inquiry from a Delegate, who notes that DACIs (Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest) 30 and 33 are in conflict. He also mentions that the USCF office has told him that a requirement in DACI 30 makes it more difficult to negotiate with hotels for future U.S. Open dates. He intends to offer an ADM to modify DACI 30.

The provision in question from DACI 30 is a requirement that the Delegates Meeting be held no later than the first full weekend in August. DACI 33 requires that the U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15. Under the 9 round format, the Delegates Meeting takes place on the final weekend. A U.S. Open which finished on or about August 15 would comply with DACI 33 but not with DACI 30, as the 15th would not fall during the first full weekend of the month. This means that the USCF office is pretty much limited to one choice of week when talking to potential U.S. Open hotels. Removing the DACI 30 requirement would make it possi

1979-2010 Award Recipients

CHESS CITY OF THE YEAR

- 1983 Pasadena, California
- 1984 New York, New York
- 1985 Foxboro, Massachusetts
- 1986 Charlotte, North Carolina
Somerset, New Jersey
- 1987 Pulaski, Virginia
Terre Haute, Indiana
- 1988 Albuquerque, New Mexico
Memphis, Tennessee
Southfield, Michigan
- 1989 Knoxville, Tennessee
Peoria, Illinois
Seattle, Washington
Tempe, Arizona
Lexington, Kentucky
- 1993 Durango, Colorado
Reno, Nevada
- 1994 Bloomington, Illinois
New York, New York
- 1995 Chicago, Illinois
Key West, Florida
- 1996 Tucson, Arizona
New York, New York
- 1997 Knoxville, Tennessee
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- 1998 Peoria, Arizona
- 1999 San Francisco, California
Gilbert, Arizona
- 2000 Louisville, Kentucky
Dallas, Texas
- 2001 Kansas City, Missouri
- 2002 Miami, Florida
New York City
Seattle, Washington
- 2003 Nashville, Tennessee
- 2004 Lindsborg, Kansas
- 2005 Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2006 Crossville, TN
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- 2007 Stillwater, OK
- 2008 Tulsa, OK; Lubbock, TX
- 2009 St. Louis, MO
- 2010 Nashville, TN**

CHESS CLUB OF THE YEAR

- 1999 Pittsburgh Chess Club
- 2001 Rochester Chess Club
Dumont Chess Mates
- 2002 Metrowest Chess Club
(MA)
- 2003 Rochester Chess Club
Miami International
Chess Academy
- 2004 Marshall Chess Club
- 2005 Mechanic's Institute
East Bay Chess Club

- 2006 St. George, UT,
Chess Club
- 2007 Atlanta Chess Center
- 2008 Dallas Chess Club
- 2009 Fresno Chess Club
- 2010 Chess Club and
Scholastic Center of
St. Louis**

CHESS COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

- 2000 University of Maryland
Baltimore County (UMBC)
- 2001 University of Texas at
Dallas (UTD)
- 2002 University of Maryland
Baltimore County (UMBC)
Rhode Island College
St. Johns University
- 2003 Stanford University
- 2004 Miami Dade Community
College
- 2005 U. Cal at Berkeley
- 2006 U. of CT School of
Engineering
Texas Tech University
- 2007 U. of Texas at
Brownsville
- 2008 U. of Texas at Dallas
Texas Tech University
- 2009 University of Utah
Miami University (Ohio)
- 2010 El Centro Community
College, Dallas**

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

- 1982 Computer Committee
- 1988 Hall of Fame Committee
- 1989 Scholastic Committee
- 1990 Tournament Direction
Certification
- 1993 Special Committee on
Rulebook
- 1994 Ratings Committee
- 1995 Computer
Communications
- 1996 Chess in Education
Committee
- 1997 Finance Committee
- 1998 Internet Committee
- 1999 Finance Task Force
Rules Committee
- 2000 Scholastic Committee
- 2001 Internet/Computer
Committee
Outreach Committee
- 2002 FIDE Advisory
- 2003 Women's Chess
Committee

- 2004 College Chess Committee
- 2005 Finance Committee
- 2006 International Affairs
- 2007 Financial Review
Committee
- 2008 Bylaws
- 2009 LMA
- 2010 Tournament Director
Certification Committee**

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

- 1979 George Cunningham,
Arpad Elo,
Burt Hochberg,
George Koltanowski
- 1980 Ed Edmondson,
Isaac Kashdan,
Paul Webb
- 1981 John Collins,
Marshall Rohland,
Frank Skoff
- 1982 Fred Cramer,
Lina Grumette,
Gary Sperling
- 1983 Arnold Denker,
Bill Goichberg,
Van Vandenburg
- 1984 Lynne Babcock,
Pearle Mann,
George Tiers
- 1985 Denis Barry,
Harold Dondis,
Tim Redman
- 1987 Leroy Dubeck
- 1988 Gerard Dullea
- 1989 Myron Lieberman,
Don Schultz
- 1990 Steve Doyle
- 1991 Harry Sabine,
Yasser Seirawan
- 1992 Harold Winston
- 1993 Robert Erkes,
Carol Jarecki,
Helen Warren
- 1994 C. Norman Peacor,
Fred Townsend
- 1995 Jerry Hanken,
Martin Morrison
- 1996 Woodrow Harris
- 1997 Anthony Cottell,
Frank Camaratta
- 1998 Glenn Petersen,
Faneuil Adams
- 1999 Jerry Spann
(posthumously)
- 2001 Sid Samole
(posthumously)
- 2002 Randall Hough,
Rachel Lieberman
- 2003 Dr. Lee Hyder

- 2004 Dr. Joseph Wagner
- 2005 Shane Samole
- 2006 Mike Nolan
- 2007 Fred Gruenberg
- 2008 Al Losoff
- 2009 John McCrary,
Beatriz Marinello
- 2010 Steve Shutt,
Dr. Frank Brady**

FRANK J. MARSHALL

- 1994 Albert Sandrin
- 1995 GM Arthur Dake
- 1996 GM Arnold Denker
- 1997 IM Maurice Ashley
IM John Donaldson
- 1998 GM Arthur Bisguier
- 1999 Faneuil Adams
(posthumously)
- 2001 GM Pal Benko
- 2002 GM Lev Alburt
- 2003 GM Sam Palatnik
GM Yasser Seirawan
- 2004 John Curdo
- 2005 IM Igor Ivanov
- 2006 Ambassador Shaun
Alexander
- 2007 GM Gregory Kaidanov
- 2008 John Watson
- 2009 John Fedorowicz
- 2010 Michael Aigner**

GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR

- 1997 Alexander Yermolinsky
- 1998 Joel Benjamin
- 1999 Nick de Firmian
- 2001 Yasser Seirawan
- 2002 Larry Christiansen
- 2003 Maurice Ashley
Susan Polgar
- 2004 Alexander Shabalov
- 2005 Hikaru Nakamura
- 2006 Ildar Ibragimov
Anna Zatonskih
- 2007 Gata Kamsky
- 2008 Gata Kamsky
- 2009 Yuri Shulman
- 2010 Hikaru Nakamura**

HONORARY CHESS MATES

- 1998 Ethel Collins,
Nina Denker,
Nancy Edmondson,
Leah Koltanowski,
Carrie Marshall

- 2001 Norma Reshevsky
 2002 Madge Byrne
 2003 Baiba Mednis
 2004 Bernadette Doyle,
 Brenda Goichberg,
 Teresa Schultz
 2005 Doris Barry,
 Phyllis Benjamin,
 Carol Weinberg
 2006 Jim Warren,
 Delores Wagner,
 Elizabeth Tanner
 2007 Donna Gruenberg,
 Jan Rogers
 2008 Janelle Losoff,
 Annette Buckendorf
 2009 No award
 2010 **Phil Smith,
 Joan Schlich**

KOLTANOWSKI MEDAL

- 1979 *Gold:* Bill Church
 Jacqueline
 Piatigorsky,
 Louis Statham
 1980 *Gold:* Thomas Emery,
 Lessing Rosenwald
 1981 *Gold:* Fred Cramer
Silver: Howard Gaba
 Fred Gruenberg
 Al Hansen
 1982 *Gold:* Rea Hayes
Silver: Nobert Leopoldi
 1983 *Silver:* Stephen Jones
 Don Richardson
 John Rykowski
 Ralph Slottow
 1984 *Gold:* Jose Cuchi
Silver: M. Vacheron
 1985 *Gold:* Frank Normali
Silver: R. W. Twombly
 1986 *Gold:* Shelby Lyman,
 NCR Corp.
Silver: Faneuil Adams, Jr.
 Paul Arnold
 Associates
 Equitable Life
 Assurance
 Prudential
 Insurance
 1987 *Gold:* Frank Samford
 1988 *Gold:* Sid Samole
 1989 *Gold:* Novag Industries
 1990 *Gold:* Arnold Denker
 Helen Warren
 1991 *Gold:* Ted Field
Silver: Neil Falconer
 1992 *Gold:* Banker's Trust
 1994 *Silver:* Dr. Martin Katahn
 1996 *Gold:* Saitek Industries,
 Ltd.
Silver: Zamagias Properties
 1997 *Gold:* Interplay Productions
Silver: Wizards of the
 Coast
 Novag Industries
 1998 *Gold:* Chess in the
 Schools
Silver: Internet Chess
 Club (ICC)
 2000 *Gold:* The University of
 Texas
 at Dallas (UTD)

- Silver:* The University of
 Texas
 at Dallas (UTD)
 2001 *Gold:* Seattle Chess
 Foundation
 2002 *Gold:* Floyd and Bernice
 Sarisohn
 Dato' Tan Chin Nam
 2003 *Gold:* Dr. Martin
 (Dick) Katahn
Gold: Tennessee Tech
 University
 2004 *Gold:* Kasparov Chess
 Foundation
 2005 *Gold:* Al Blowers (from
 HB Foundation)
 2006 *Gold:* America's
 Foundation
 for Chess (AF4C)
 2007 *Gold:* Frank K. Berry
 2008 *Gold:* Hanon Russell
 2009 *Gold:* Rex Sinquefield
 2010 *Gold:* **Rex Sinquefield,
 Phil LeCornu**

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

- 1980 Robert Tanner
 1985 Joseph Wagner
 1986 Lincoln Chess
 Foundation,
 Glenn Meachum,
 Ben Munson,
 Sunil Weeramantry
 1987 Don Maddox,
 Charles Pashayan,
 Jules Stein
 1988 Harry Lyman
 1991 Imre Konig,
 George Leighton
 1992 David Mehler
 1993 Dale Brandreth,
 Allen Kaufman
 1994 Randall Hough,
 Paul Shannon
 1995 Frank Brady,
 Billy Colias,
 Ernest Marx
 1996 Paul Gold,
 Myron Lieberman
 1997 Alan Sherman,
 Randall Swanson,
 Jim Warren
 1998 James Bolton,
 Richard Verber
 1999 Selby Anderson,
 Erv Sedlock,
 Ken Smith
 (posthumously)
 2000 No award
 2001 Gary Prince
 2002 Joe Ippolito,
 Ollie LaFreniere,
 Beatriz Marinello
 2003 Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine
 2004 Sunil Weeramantry
 2005 Herman Drenth
 2006 Jim Brotsos, Jon Haskel,
 Wilder Wadford,
 Jon and Barbara Fortune
 2007 Richard Shorman, John
 Hilbert, Dan Heisman,
 Grant Perks

- 2008 Luis Salinas, Gary
 Dorfner, Lloyd Hunter
 2009 Jennifer and Mike
 Skidmore, Steve Steppe
 2010 **Jim Stallings,
 Dewain Barber,
 Richard Buchanan,
 Alan Anderson,
 Danny Rensch**

ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR

- 1994 Bill Goichberg
 1995 Al Losoff
 1996 Nick Conticello,
 Manhattan Chess Club
 1997 Jose Cuchi,
 E. Steven Doyle
 1998 Robert Tanner
 1999 John Donaldson,
 De Knudson
 2002 Yasser Seirawan and
 America's Foundation
 for Chess (formerly
 the Seattle Chess
 Foundation)
 2003 Arden Dilley,
 Phillip Simpkins
 2004 Michael Korenman
 2005 Maurice Ashley
 2006 Cris Collinsworth
 Foundation
 2007 Sevan Muradian
 2008 Jerry Weikel,
 Tom Braunlich
 2009 Tony Rich
 2010 **Tony Rich**

**OUTSTANDING CAREER
ACHIEVEMENT**

- 1986 Allen Hinshaw,
 Helen Hinshaw,
 Bob Dudley,
 Robert Erkes,
 George Mirijanian
 1987 Alan Benjamin,
 Phyllis Benjamin
 1989 Peter Lahde,
 Alina Markowski,
 Larry Paxton,
 Glenn Petersen
 1990 Roger Blaine,
 Lee Hyder,
 Russell Miller
 1991 Mike Goodall,
 Ira Lee Riddle,
 Fjola Vandenburg
 1993 Robert Karch,
 Robert P. Smith
 1994 Clarence Callaway
 1995 Pete Nixon,
 Warren Pinches
 1996 Burt Hochberg
 1997 Leroy Dubeck,
 Bill Snead,
 J.C. Thompson
 1998 Steve Frymer
 1999 Robert Fischer,
 James Hurt,
 Stuart Laughlin,
 2000 Harold Dondis
 2001 John Collins

- 2002 Robert Ferguson,
 Jerry Hanken,
 Carol Jarecki
 2003 John Donaldson,
 Thad Rogers
 2004 Jay Bonin
 2005 Ralph Bowman
 2006 Gus Gosselin,
 Fred Goldhirsch/
 Doug Bellizzi,
 David McEnulty,
 Jerry Weikel
 2007 Fred and Carol Kleist,
 Gordon Barrett,
 Stephen Dann
 2008 Selby Anderson,
 Glen Buckendorf,
 John Hillery
 2009 Tim Sawmiller,
 Gary Fox,
 Tim Just
 2010 **Val Zemitis,
 Hal Terrie,
 Check Ensey,
 Mike Nagaran**

SCHOLASTIC SERVICES

- 1994 Harry Sabine
 1995 Ron Lohrman
 1996 Lee LaFrese
 1997 Robert Ferguson
 1998 Sunil Weeramantry
 1999 Faneuil Adams
 (posthumously)
 2000 Jack Mallory
 2001 Beatriz Marinello
 2002 Dewain Barber
 2003 Ralph Bowman
 2004 GM Arnold Denker
 Gilbert Unified School
 District #41,
 Gilbert, Arizona
 2005 Elizabeth Tejada
 2006 Tim Redman
 2007 GM Susan Polgar;
 Brownsville,
 Texas School District
 2008 Steve Shutt,
 Michael Khodarkovsky,
 Southern Arizona Chess
 Association
 2009 Aviv Friedman,
 After School Activities
 Partnership
 2010 **Greg Shahade,
 Berkeley Chess School**

SPECIAL SERVICES

- 1983 Hal Bogner,
 Arnold Denker,
 Thad Rogers,
 Hyman Rogosin,
 Eric Schiller,
 Don Schultz
 1985 Lackland Bloom,
 Martin Morrison
 1986 Fred Gruenberg,
 Richard O'Keefe,
 C. Norman Peacor,
 Ron Warnicki

1988 Fred Townsend,
David Welsh

1991 Lev Alburt,
Larry Evans

1992 Ron Lohrman,
Les Leroy Smith

1993 Jeremy Gaige,
John Varis

1994 John McCrary,
Warren Pinches,
Garrett Scott

1995 Jo Eglan,
Doris Thackrey

1996 Herb Hickman,
Hanon Russell,
Helen Warren

1997 Denis Barry,
Robert John McCrary,
Jim Pechac

1998 Harold Stenzel,
Gary and Addie Prince

1999 Tim Just,
Mike Carr,
Alice Loranth
(posthumously)

2000 Ken Horne
(posthumously),
Rachel Lieberman,
Sid Samole

2001 Tom Doan,
Pat Hoekstra,
Myron Lieberman

2002 Dewain Barber,
Ralph Bowman,

2003 Lynne Chapman,
Kelly Jacobs,
Ken Sloan

2004 Don Mihokovich,
Bob Persante

2005 Neil Falconer

2006 Kim Cramer,
John Donaldson,
Mikhail Korenman,
Greg Shahade

2007 Steve Doyle,
Ernie Schlich

2008 Hal Karlsson,
Tim Tobiason,
Alexey Root,
Jim Stallings,
Russell Harwood,
Kerry Lawless

2009 Calvin Olsen,
David Moeser

**2010 Jay Stallings,
John Blackstone**

SPECIAL TASK FORCE

2000 President's Special
Committee on Finances,
Computer Evaluation
Task Force

2003 Rulebook Revision
Task Force

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
OF THE YEAR**

2004 Carol Jarecki

2005 Steve Immitt

2006 Walter Brown

2007 Mike Atkins

2008 Frank K. Berry

2009 Francisco Guadalupe

2010 Jon Shacter

U.S. CHESS HALL OF FAME

1986 Reuben Fine,
Robert Fischer,
Isaac Kashdan,
George Koltanowski,
Frank Marshall,
Paul Morphy,
Harry Pillsbury,
Sammy Reshevsky

1987 Sam Loyd,
Wilhelm Steinitz

1988 Arpad Elo,
Hermann Helms

1989 I.A. Horowitz

1990 Hans Berliner

1991 John Collins,
Arthur Dake

1992 Arnold Denker,
Gisela Gresser,
George MacKenzie

1993 Pal Benko,
Victor Palciauskas

1994 Arthur Bisguier,
Robert Byrne,
Larry Evans

1995 Ed Edmondson

1996 Fred Reinfeld

1997 Kenneth Harkness

1998 Dr. Milan Vukcevic

1999 Benjamin Franklin

2000 Edmar Mednis

2001 Lubomir Kavalek

2002 Donald Byrne

2003 Lev Alburt,
Walter Browne

2004 Anatoly Lein,
Leonid Shamkovich

2006 Yasser Seirawan

2007 Irving Chernev,
Jeremy Gaige

2008 Joel Benjamin,
Larry Christiansen,
Nick de Firmian

2009 Burt Hochberg,
John Fedorowicz

**2010 Diane Savereide,
Herman Steiner
Jackson Showalter**

SPECIAL FRIEND OF USCF

2006 Phil Haley

2007 Garry Kasparov

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ANNUAL**

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\$700 FIRST PRIZE
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Phone _____ E-mail _____ Est. Rating _____
Credit card # (VISA, MC, Disc., AMEX) _____ Exp. date _____

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Two, four or six-game options. ENTRY FEE: \$5.**Win A Correspondence Chess Trophy**

Four-player, double round-robin with class-level pairings.
1st-place winner receives a trophy.
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Seven-player class-level pairings, one game with each of six opponents.
Players must have a USCF CC rating to enter.
1st-place winner receives \$130 cash prize and a certificate signed by Victor Palciauskas.
ENTRY FEE: \$25.

John W. Collins Memorial Class Tournaments

Four-player, double round-robin with class-level pairings (unrateds welcome).
1st-place winner receives a John W. Collins certificate.
ENTRY FEE: \$7.

E-MAIL RATED EVENTS (NEED E-MAIL ACCESS):**Lightning Match**

Two players with two, four or six-game option. ENTRY FEE: \$5.

Swift Quads

Four-player, double round-robin format.
1st-place prize merchandise credit of \$30.
ENTRY FEE: \$10.

Walter Muir E-Quads (webserver chess)

Four-player, double round-robin e-mail format tournament with class-level pairings.
1st-place receives a certificate.
ENTRY FEE: \$7.

Express Tournament

Seven-player events, one game with each of six opponents.
Prizes: 1st place \$30 merchandise credit, 2nd place \$20 credit.
ENTRY FEE: \$15.

Please circle event(s) selected.

NOTE: Except for Lightning Matches, Swift Quads, Walter Muir E-Quads, Electronic Knights & Express Tournaments, players will use post office mail, unless opponents agree to use e-mail.

A Guide to Robert's Rules of Order for USCF Delegates

Written by Mike Nolan, USCF Parliamentarian. Revised June 2001. Reference: Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition (published in 2000), edited by Robert, Evans, Honemann and Balch, Perseus Publishing, 0 7382 0307 6. (List price \$17 in paperback.) This is a simplified selection of some key points from Robert's Rules of Order, with a few explanatory remarks and examples and some exceptions and extensions that have come into general use by the Delegates.

Definitions

Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian serves as a resource to the chair, offering advice on rulings and other matters to assist the chair in keeping the meeting orderly and productive. The Parliamentarian never 'rules' on a question, the chair has that privilege and may ignore or not solicit the advice of the Parliamentarian before making any ruling. The Parliamentarian also serves as a resource to Delegates, to advise them on proper parliamentary procedure.

2nd

Indicates a willingness to have the Delegates consider the motion, not any support for it. Except for motions on the advance agenda, motions arising from a committee and motions arising from the Membership Meeting, all main and subsidiary motions and most privileged or incidental motions require a 2nd in order to be considered by the Delegates further. While the maker of a motion is expected to argue in favor of it during debate, the seconder is under no such requirement.

Debatable

Discussion of the merits of the motion is permitted. An undebatable motion must be voted upon immediately *without discussion* unless an amendment or higher ranking motion is in order and offered.

Majority

A simple majority means that more people vote 'yes' than 'no.' A 2/3 majority means that at least twice as many people vote 'yes' as 'no.' To abstain from voting means to yield to the will of the majority that does vote, whatever that majority is. It does not matter whether the number of 'yes' and 'no' votes adds up to a quorum or not, as long as a quorum is present. Although a count of abstaining Delegates is sometimes requested of the chair, it is not mandatory under *Robert's Rules*.

Reconsider

A motion to reverse an earlier vote. A motion to reconsider may only be offered by someone who voted on the prevailing side on the earlier vote. A motion to reconsider always requires a simple majority, even if the motion being reconsidered required a larger majority to succeed. When a motion to reconsider is successful, the matter becomes active again, although it might not be the current order of business if some other business is also pending. Some motions may not be reconsidered, such as a failed motion to postpone indefinitely.

Chair

The person running the meeting. The chair assigns the floor during debate and recognizes members, including responding to points of order or privilege (and making rulings as required), parliamentary inquiries, and to request whether a speaker will yield to a point of information. All questions should be addressed to the chair, not to other members, including the member who currently has the floor. The chair is expected to remain impartial and must refrain from debate on the merits of any issue. A chair who wishes to speak to the merits should yield the chair by passing the gavel to another person for the duration of the debate on that issue.

Agenda

The agenda is the order in which business is to be conducted. Many organizations have adopted a standard agenda for meetings, indicating in which order officer and committee reports are to be given, etc. It is also common for organizations to prepare an advance agenda of matters likely to come before the body. Sometimes the Bylaws specify that certain matters cannot be enacted unless pre announced in the advance agenda, or require a different majority to pass if not pre announced, such as amendments to the Bylaws. But the advance agenda is an informational document only until such time as it is adopted by the body during the meeting once a quorum is established.

The 13 Ranking Motions

(Larger numbers indicate motions that take precedence over lower ranking ones.) Except where indicated, none of these motions are in order when someone else has the floor:

1. Main motion.

Requires a 2nd (except for motions on the advance agenda or arising from a committee), debatable, amendable, may be reconsidered, passes by a simple majority unless the subject matter requires a higher majority, such as Bylaws changes which were not in the advance agenda. A main motion may not be made when some other motion is pending. The chair will call up as main motions items printed in the advance agenda in the order in which they appear, though motions may be called up by a committee out of the preprinted order if the motion was sponsored by or referred to the committee. Motions may be brought up in any order either by unanimous consent of the Delegates or by suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority.

The following are subsidiary motions, and generally apply only to a main motion or a motion relating to a main motion. These motions are in order of increasing priority. For example, a motion to commit takes precedence over a motion to amend, and a motion to table takes precedence over all other subsidiary motions.

2. Postpone indefinitely.

Requires a 2nd, debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may only be reconsidered in the affirmative. If successful, the main motion to which it applies is killed for the duration of the meeting and may not be reintroduced. Because of its low ranking, this motion may only be made when the main motion is under discussion, not when any amendments or other motions are pending.

3. Amend.

Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is debatable, amendable (but an amendment to an amendment is not further amendable, because it gets too confusing to keep track of things), may be reconsidered, requires a simple majority. (See below on the 'friendly amendment'.)

4. Commit (refer).

Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may be reconsidered. If successful, the current main motion including all pending motions such as amendments, is referred to the designated committee(s) and the order of business is now the next item on the agenda. With some exceptions, such as a motion to amend the Bylaws, the Delegates may refer a matter to the Executive Board or to a committee with the power to implement it. Motions may also be referred to the Executive Board or to a committee with instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting. By convention, unless otherwise indicated a referral to a committee includes instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting, but referrals to the Board do not include instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting, unless the Board does not have the authority to implement and that power is not attached in the motion to refer.

5. Postpone to a definite time.

Requires a 2nd, debatable, amendable, generally requires a simple majority, may be reconsidered. (If made a special order, requires a 2/3 majority. See 'call for the orders of the day'.)

6. Limit debate.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a 2/3 majority to pass, may be reconsidered if still possible. Used to limit the rights of the Delegates to debate an issue, such as placing a time limit on an item of business, limiting the length of individual speeches, or the number of times a Delegate can speak on any one issue during debate on a motion.

7. Previous question (call the question).

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a 2/3 majority to pass, may be reconsidered. Used to end debate on a motion and proceed to an immediate vote on it. In its basic form it applies only to the current pending motion (such as an amendment), but may also be applied to motions below that one in order, all the way back to the current main motion.

8. Lay on the table.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority to pass, may not be reconsidered. Often used improperly to kill a motion, but more properly used to permit the Delegates to set aside a subject in order to move on to a more pressing one, since the tabled matter may be brought back to the floor by a simple majority vote later on, whereas one that is postponed indefinitely may not be brought to the floor later in the meeting. Tabled matters that are still tabled at the end of the meeting are automatically referred to the Executive Board, which may act upon a motion, refer it to appropriate committees, or place it on the agenda for the next year's meeting, although the EB is not required to take any of these actions. Motions for which the Executive Board does not have the authority to take final action, such as a Bylaws change, may still be referred by the Executive Board to committees or placed on next year's agenda, but unlike motions specifically referred to the Board this is not mandatory.

The following motions are privileged, may be made at any time, and do not refer to a pending main or subsidiary motion.

9. All for the orders of the day.

Does not require a 2nd, may be made when someone else has the floor, not debatable, not amendable, does not require a vote, may not be reconsidered. The orders of the day are any motions that have been passed calling for consideration of a particular subject at a particular time as a special order. When the appointed time arises, any member may call the chair's attention to the matter by calling for the orders of the day, and the current pending matter must be set aside and the subject of the special order brought to the floor immediately.

10. Raise a question of privilege.

Does not require a 2nd, may be made when someone else has the floor, not debatable, not amendable, is acted upon by the chair without a vote, and may not be reconsidered. A question of privilege deals with the rights of the Delegates or an individual Delegate to participate in the business at hand or correct the record on previous business. For example, if the speaker system isn't working and a Delegate can't hear the debate, that would be a question of privilege. Similarly, a loud disturbance from elsewhere would be a question of privilege. A question of personal privilege is often invoked when a member's name is mentioned in debate, but this is not proper unless this has been done in such a fashion as to incorrectly place into the record the member's participation or lack of participation in matters previously dealt with or to circulate a charge against that member's character. (The more proper motion to deal with an imprudent remark about you made by the speaker during debate is to raise a point of order to 'call the member to order,' that is to have the chair request that the speaker refrain from making further improper personal comments about other members.)

11. Recess.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. Once a motion to recess is passed, the Delegates are in recess until the time specified for the meeting

to resume, at which time the chair may resume the meeting as soon as a quorum is present.

12. Adjourn.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. Properly used as it applies to the Delegates meeting, this motion is only used to end the meeting. A motion to

adjourn to 9 AM tomorrow morning should actually be made as a motion to recess until 9 AM, and the chair should rephrase it as such.

13. Fix the time to which to adjourn.

This motion has no practical application to the Delegates meeting, since the meeting is short and of a fixed duration and except in special circumstances would not continue beyond that time frame.

Other motions

The following motions are restorative, they bring a matter back before the Delegates that had previously been tabled or voted upon:

A. Take from the table

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. (But a new motion to take the matter from the table may be offered later on.) This motion is only in order when there is no main motion pending, and it brings a matter before the Delegates that had been tabled earlier in the meeting, in the exact form it was in at the point at which it was tabled. See discussion above as to the disposition of motions left on the table at the end of the meeting.

B. Reconsider

Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is also debatable, may not be amended, requires a simple majority, may not be made a 2nd time if unsuccessful. If a vote is reconsidered, any earlier disposition is reversed and whatever action is taken on the motion after reconsideration overrides any earlier action. If an action is irreversible, the matter cannot be reconsidered. This motion must be made by someone who voted on the prevailing side of the motion being reconsidered.

The following are some incidental motions that may arise, there is no order to these motions.

A. Suspend the rules.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a 2/3 majority, may not be reconsidered. This is a motion to suspend *Robert's Rules* or any standing rules or customs. The Bylaws may not be suspended, they must be amended. Suspending the rules is often requested to change the order of business to consider something ahead of its place in the agenda. Although not debatable, the maker of the motion generally offers a short explanation as to why the rules should be suspended or what action will be taken once the rules are suspended. If a motion to suspend the rules for a particular purpose is unsuccessful, it may not be renewed without unanimous consent of the Delegates.

B. Point of Order.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd, is not debatable, is not amendable, may not be reconsidered, and is ruled upon by the chair rather than voted upon by the Delegates. A point of order is a request for the chair to enforce the rules under which the Delegates operate, such as dealing with a motion or member being out of order. For example, if an amendment to an amendment is offered, it would be out of order and if the chair doesn't rule it out of order, a Delegate should raise a point of order to have the chair enforce the rules and declare the amendment out of order. A ruling by the chair is made, possibly after consulting with the Secretary or Parliamentarian, and once made the ruling may be appealed by any two Delegates (an appeal requires a 2nd), a simple majority being needed to reverse the ruling of the chair. A point of order can also be made to enforce the rules on decorum in debate, to enforce a time limit on debate or the number of times a speaker is recognized, or to clarify the status of the motion(s) currently before the Delegates.

C. Parliamentary Inquiry.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd,

is not debatable. Similar to a point of order, but generally limited to inquiring as to the proper motion to make under some circumstance or to ascertain the effect of such a motion or any pending motion. The chair answers the inquiry and may consult with others, such as the Parliamentarian or Secretary, for advice before answering. Since this is not (yet) a ruling, it may not be appealed.

D. Point of Information.

May be made when someone else has the floor. This is not a motion, per se, but a request for permission to seek further information about the pending matter from the current speaker or for a brief answer from someone else with expertise in the subject, generally another Delegate or a USCF staff member. The speaker is not obliged to yield the floor to hear the question. This motion is often improperly used to interrupt a speaker just to rebut the speaker's debate, and in proper usage the interrupter should not make the rebuttal argument immediately but limit the interruption to a request that the speaker yield for a question, since the proper means for rebuttal in debate is to gain the floor through the usual means.

E. Object to the consideration of a question.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd, is not debatable, is not amendable, requires a 2/3 majority, may not be reconsidered. This motion may only be applied to a main motion when it is first introduced, its purpose is to prevent any discussion or debate on the motion, including any discussion as to why the question should not be considered. Another way to think of it is as the opposite of a 2nd, it indicates a lack of willingness to have the motion considered by the Delegates. An immediate vote on the objection should be taken and, if successful, the motion is killed and may not be reintroduced during the remainder of the meeting.

F. Division of a question.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. This is a request to split a motion into several parts, and is only in order when the motion is easily severable.

Division of the assembly.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd, is not debatable, is not amendable, may not be reconsidered, does not require a vote. Used to request a tabulated vote when the vote announced by the chair is disputed by the Delegates. A first request for a division should almost always be granted, as should a second request for a very close vote, but repeated requests for recounts of a close vote are a stalling tactic and after a vote has been carefully tabulated twice unless there is still a reasonable doubt as to the outcome the chair may ignore further requests for a division of the assembly and declare the vote concluded. Though it has been done on occasion, there is no specific provision in Robert's Rules or in the USCF Bylaws for ordering a roll call vote, and due to the time involved such an order should be used sparingly.

Appeal.

May be made when someone else has the floor, requires a 2nd, is debatable if applied to a question which was debatable, requires a simple majority. Decisions of the chair regarding points of order, points of privilege, or assignment of the floor during debate may be appealed. Such an appeal must occur immediately after the

ruling to which it applies, and the motion to appeal takes precedence over the motion which was pending at the time the decision was made. Rulings regarding decorum in debate or the priority of business are not debatable, and a ruling made while a nondebatable motion is pending is also nondebatable. However, the chair is entitled to explain the ruling even if an appeal is nondebatable.

Standing rules or customary rules

Used by the USCF Delegates at past meetings, including procedural rules initially developed by the USCF President for use at the 1998 Delegates meeting:

A. A speaker may not move the previous question (call the question) after speaking to the merits of a question in that turn at the microphone. [Passed by the Delegates as a standing rule.]

B. Except for motions arising from the USCF Membership Meeting, if the sponsor or co sponsor of a motion is not present at the time it is reached in the agenda, it goes to the end of the agenda, after all other advance motions and motions filed with the Secretary before or during the meeting but not included in the advance agenda. A request for unanimous consent or a motion to suspend the rules may be offered to bring the motion back to the floor ahead of them. (Congratulatory motions generally made at the end of the meeting are usually deferred until all other Delegate motions are dealt with, including those moved to the end of the agenda.) Motions on the advance agenda do not require a second, a Delegate who objects to such a motion should raise an objection to consideration of the question, either during adoption of the advance agenda or when the motion is reached in the meeting. Delegate motions not printed in the advance agenda do require a second.

C. A Delegate may withdraw a motion as long as it is still in its original form, even during debate, but once a motion has been revised from its initial form it may only be withdrawn by unanimous consent. All co signers to the original motion must also consent to its withdrawal. (The person who seconded the motion does not need to consent to its withdrawal, since seconding a motion does not express an opinion on the merits of the motion, and the seconder is always free to attempt to gain the floor to make the motion again, at which time it requires another Delegate to second it.) When a motion is divided into multiple questions, each of the parts is now a separate motion and such a separated motion may be withdrawn if it is still in its original form.

D. The maker of a motion may accept as an improved version a 'friendly amendment' from another Delegate. Such a motion is still considered to be in its original form. The seconder does not have to consent to the friendly amendment, since the person offering the improvement is obviously willing to have the motion considered, which is the point of requiring a second. [This is a deviation from *Robert's Rules*, which now has a reference to the friendly amendment in the 10th edition, but in a much more restricted sense than found in common practice, including at USCF Delegates Meetings.]

E. Committee chairs may only bring to the floor during their reports motions that were referred to them by the previous or current Delegates meeting, motions referred to them by the Executive Board and printed in the Executive Board Newsletter or (preferably) placed on the advance agenda, or motions that the committee, or the committee chair on the committee's behalf, placed on the advance agenda. In specific, motions from workshops have no special standing with the Delegates, though they may be brought to the floor as main motions later in the meeting in the usual manner or offered as amendments during debate.

F. Straw polls may be made at the sole discretion of the chair, although the speaker may request them of the chair. The chair will conduct all

straw polls and votes. [Because they neither advance nor defeat the issue, the use of straw polls is not sanctioned by *Robert's Rules*, which suggests that a form of 'committee of the whole' be used instead.]

G. All main motions and amendments not appearing in the advance agenda should be submitted to the Secretary in written format, to assist the chair in the orderly conduct of the meeting and the Secretary in preparing an accurate set of minutes.

Pro and Con microphones will be placed on the floor. All Delegates wishing to debate a motion should stand in line at the appropriate microphone and wait to be assigned the floor by the chair. If an amendment or other debatable motion is offered, the Pro and Con microphones will now refer to that motion, and Delegates wishing to speak on that subject should move to the appropriate microphone, others should stand aside or sit down.

A podium may be provided for committee chairs to make their committee reports from. A committee chair or other Delegate at the podium is not entitled to any preference in debate but may be called upon to answer points of information regarding a committee's views on motions referred to it, in the advance agenda, or arising from the committee workshop. Makers of main motions may also be requested to present their motions from the podium and to remain at the podium to answer points of information.

Motions introduced and passed at the USCF Membership Meeting for consideration by the Delegates are entered on the agenda as the first items under New Business, and are brought to the floor in order at that point in the agenda. These motions do not require a second. The maker of the motion during the Membership Meeting, if not a Delegate, is not entitled to speak at the Delegates meeting without the unanimous consent of the Delegates.

Delegates who have already spoken to the merits of a pending question are requested to defer to Delegates who have not yet spoken to the merit of that question. The chair may recognize Delegates who have not yet spoken to the merits of a pending question ahead of those who have already spoken on it. Where possible the chair will alternate between speakers for and speakers against the pending question. The maker of a motion is always entitled to the first opportunity in debate to speak to the merits of that motion. The chair assigns the floor, a Delegate may not yield the floor to another Delegate without the unanimous consent of the Delegates. Except for committee chairs giving their report, the Parliamentarian (if not a Delegate) and USCF staff members presenting a staff report or answering a point of information, non Delegates are not entitled to speak to the Delegates without unanimous consent.

As indicated above, motions not reached by the Delegates or motions tabled by the Delegates are automatically referred to the Executive Board at the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting, but without the power to implement (where applicable) and without instructions to report back to the Delegates, so they will not appear on the advance agenda of the next Delegates Meeting except by specific action of the Executive Board, nor does progress on these motions need to be reported upon in the *Executive Board Newsletter*.

2009-2010 Delegates and Alternate Delegates

Delegate At Large (DAL) or Additional Alternate Delegates. * Current EB Members +Former EB Members (these do not count toward State allocations.)

ALABAMA 1, 1	DAL FRANK CAMARATTA Del Gerald A Larson Alt Kenneth Sloan	CONNECTICUT 2, 2	Del Cameron Bishop Jim Celone Alt Melvin Patrick Peter L. Thau		Alt Sheila Heiser Garrett Scott Gary Fine Betsy Dynako Ronald Suarez
ALASKA 1, 1	Del Mike Stabenow Alt Frederick Toenies	DELAWARE 1, 1	Del Al (Cary) Lovelace	INDIANA 2, 2	Del Gary Fox Roger Blaine
ARIZONA 3, 3	DAL MYRON LIEBERMAN DAL RACHEL LIEBERMAN Del Ramie A Jimenez Enrique J Huerta Trey Manning Alt Robert Tanner	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1, 1	Del Salvador Rosario Alt Ralph Mikell	IOWA 1, 1	RANDY BAUER * Del Roger Gotschall
ARKANSAS 1, 1	Del John J Purtle	FLORIDA 6, 6	DAL DON SCHULTZ Del Gilberto L Luna Renier Gonzalez Andrew Scherman Paul B Tomaino A J Goldsby Williard J Taylor Alt Christian McCue Jon Haskel Harvey Lerman Charles Hall Peter Dyson Stephen F Lampkin	KANSAS 1, 1	Del Tom Brownscombe Alt Laurence Coker
N. CALIFORNIA 6, 6	RUTH HARING * Del Michael Aigner Richard Koepcke Mike Goodall Tom Langland Tony Pabon Elizabeth Shaughnessy Alt John McCumiskey Jim Eade John Donaldson Roger Poehlmann Salman Azhar Ken Zowal	GEORGIA 2, 2	Del Mike Mulford Jack Le Moine	KENTUCKY 3, 3	Del Stephen P Dillard Allen Priest Herbert Rodney Vaughn Alt Joel Sokoloff
S. CALIFORNIA 6, 6	RANDY HOUGH + Del Jack Peters John Hillery Cyrus Lakdawala Jerry B. Yee Timothy W. Taylor Enrico Sevellano	HAWAII 1, 1		LOUISIANA 1, 1	Del Patrick Hardy Alt Sam Breaux
COLORADO 2, 2	Del Dean Brown Richard W Buchanan Alt Randy Reynolds Joseph Haines	IDAHO 1, 1	Del Jeffrey T Roland Alt Garrett Reynolds	MAINE 1, 1	Del Philip Lowell, Jr.
		ILLINOIS 6, 6	DAL HELEN WARREN DAL HAROLD J WINSTON Del Tim Just Lawrence Cohen Peter Spizzirri James Egerton Sevan Muradian David Heiser	MARYLAND 3, 3	Del Larry Kaufman Denis Strenzwilk Ed Westing
				MASSACHUSETTS 3, 3	Del Donna Alarie Ken Ballou Stephen Dann Alt Brian Lafferty
				MICHIGAN 3, 3	Del Jennifer Skidmore Stan Beckwith Brad Rogers Alt Barry Endsley Tim Moroney
				MINNESOTA 2, 2	Del David L Kuhns Sisira Amarasinghe Alt Daniel Voje Shuman Lee

MISSISSIPPI 1, 1	Del Douglas L. Stewart Alt Ralph McNaughton	NORTH CAROLINA 3, 3	Del Ken Baxter Walter High Jeffrey Mason Jones	TEXAS 11, 11	DAL TIMOTHY REDMAN Del Barbara Swafford Francisco Guadalupe Drew Sarkisian Gary Gaiffe George John Lori Balkum Lakshmana Viswanath James Stallings Michael Langer Mike Feinstein Greg Wren Alt Tom Crane Robert Sturgeon Robert B Jones
MISSOURI 2, 2	Del Seldon Trimble Thomas R Rehmeier Alt Bob Holliman	NORTH DAKOTA 1, 1	Del Dan McClintic Alt Mike Sailer		
MONTANA 1, 1	Del Ed McLaughlin	OHIO 4, 4	Del Joe Yun Jonathan Hilton Steven E Charles		
NEBRASKA 1, 1	DAL MIKE NOLAN Del Tom Lombard	OKLAHOMA 1, 1	JIM BERRY * Del Frank Berry Alt Charles D Unruh		
NEVADA 1, 1	Del Charles Hatherill Alt Alan Losoff	OREGON 1, 1	Del Carl Haessler	UTAH 1, 1	Del John Coffey Alt Grant Hodson
NEW HAMPSHIRE 1, 1	Del F Alexander Relyea Alt Henry (Hal) Terrie	PENNSYLVANIA 5, 5	Del Tom M Martinak Dan Heisman Rodion V Rubenchik Thomas P Magar Stephen D Shutt Alt Bruce W Leverett Stanley N Booz Robert E Brubaker Eric C Johnson Adam Weissbarth	VERMONT 1, 1	Del William McGrath Alt David Carter
NEW JERSEY 4, 4	DAL STEVE DOYLE DAL LEROY DUBECK Del Dean J Ippolito Kenneth Thomas Joe Lux Michael Khodarkovsky Alt James Mennella	RHODE ISLAND 1, 1	Del Frank Vogel Alt Eric Berkey	VIRGINIA 4, 4	MICHAEL ATKINS * DAL F WOODROW HARRIS Del Ernie Schlich Pamela Lee Mike Hoffpauir John Farrell Alt Robert Getty
NEW MEXICO 1, 1	Del Dale Gibbs Alt Rod Avery	SOUTH CAROLINA 1, 1	DAL JOHN MC CRARY Del David Grimaud Alt Mickey Lauria	WASHINGTON 2, 2	Del Fred Kleist Dan Matthews Alt Murlin Varner
NEW YORK, DOWNSTATE 7, 7	DAL BEATRIZ MARINELLO Del Sophia Rohde Gata Kamsky Steve Immitt Sunil Weeramantry Polly Wright Carol Jarecki Joseph Felber Alt Carrie Goldstein Len Chipkin	SOUTH DAKOTA 1, 1	Del Nels Truelson Alt Terry Dean Likens	WEST VIRGINIA 1, 1	Del Donald Griffith Alt John Homer
NEW YORK, UPSTATE 3, 3	BILL GOICHBERG * Del Ron Lohrman Kenneth McBride Brenda Goichberg	TENNESSEE 2, 2	DAL HARRY SABINE Del Chris Prosser Angela McElrath-Prosser	WISCONSIN 2, 2	Del Mike Nietman Guy Hoffman Alt Arlen Walker Sandy Pahl
				WYOMING 1, 1	Del Brian Walker Alt Richard Cohen



Future USCF Events

2010

U. S. Open

JULY 31 - AUGUST 8, 2010
Hyatt Regency Irvine
17900 Jamboree Road
Irvine, CA 92614
949-975-1234
800-233-1234
\$99 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National Youth Action

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2010
Ocean Place Resort and Spa
One Ocean Boulevard
Long Branch, NJ 07740
732-571-4000
800-411-6493
\$109 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National K-12 Championship

DECEMBER 10-12, 2010
Disney's Coronado Springs
Resort
1000 West Buena Vista Dr.
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-939-1000
\$129 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2011

National Junior High Championship

APRIL 15-17, 2011
Hyatt Regency Columbus
350 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215
614-463-1234
800-233-1234
\$125 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National High School Championship

APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 2011
Gaylord Opryland
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
615-883-1000
\$129 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National Elementary Championship

MAY 6-8, 2011
Hilton Anatole Dallas
2201 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75207
214-748-1200
\$120 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

U.S. Open

JULY 30 - AUGUST 7, 2011
Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport
9300 Airport Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32827
888-421-1442
402-592-6464
\$99 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National K-12 Championship

DECEMBER 9-11, 2011
Hilton Anatole Dallas
2201 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75207
214-748-1200
\$120 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2012

National High School Championship

APRIL 13-15, 2012
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-370-1234
\$125 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National Junior High Championship

APRIL 27-29, 2012
Town and Country Resort
500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
1-800-772-8527
\$125 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National Elementary Championship

MAY 11-13, 2012
Gaylord Opryland
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
615-889-1000
888-777-6779
\$139 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National K-12 Championship

NOV. 30 - DEC. 2, 2012
Marriott Orlando World
Center Resort
World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32821
1-800-564-3181
\$119 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2013

SUPERNATIONALS V

Gaylord Opryland
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
615-889-1000

National K-12 Championship

DEC 13-15, 2013
Disney's Coronado
Springs Resort
1000 W. Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-939-1000
\$133 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2014

National High School Championship

APRIL 4-6, 2014
Town and Country Resort
500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
1-800-772-8527
\$125 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National Elementary Championship

MAY 9-11, 2014
Hilton Anatole Dallas
2201 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75207
214-748-1200
\$120 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National K-12 Championship

DEC. 12-14, 2014
Marriott Orlando World
Center Resort
World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32821
1-800-564-3181
\$119 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2015

National Elementary Championship

MAY 8-10, 2015
Gaylord Opryland
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
615-889-1000
888-777-6779
\$152 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

National K-12 Championship

DECEMBER 5-7, 2015
Marriott Orlando World
Center Resort
World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32821
1-800-564-3181
\$135 Single/Double/Triple/Quad